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Ford blows off advice of those closest to him

What's best for the city? Councillors who support the mayor are united in calling for him to take a pause

Against difficult odds, city councillors closest to Mayor Rob Ford are continuing their attempts to persuade him to take a leave of absence.

With Ford refusing to step aside in the wake of his bombshell admission that he has smoked crack cocaine, backroom discussions are ongoing between the embattled mayor and his core group of supporters on council who are calling for him to take a pause.

Not listening

"I think his family needs him right now, and I'm very disappointed he's not taking our advice."

Coun. Frances Nunziata, a Ford loyalist

Speaker Frances Nunziata, a Ford loyalist, said she personally conveyed the view of Ford's executive committee — that he should take a leave — to him on Wednesday. "I'm just banging my head against the wall … (he) just won't listen."

Coun. Gary Crawford, another member of the mayor's executive, said he intends to relay his concerns directly to Ford before next week's council meeting.

"I will say, 'I really feel, Rob, for your best interests with your family that you need to step aside, and for the best interests of the city,'" Crawford said. "A lot of us are having those discussions. We're concerned."

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly spoke publicly for the first time on Wednesday about his ongoing discussions with Ford.

"The option that I have been recommending is that he take a pause, leave the hurly-burly and the stress and strain of life at city hall," Kelly said after meeting with the mayor. "He listens patiently, asks a few questions, and concludes with he hasn't seen or heard anything that would make him change his mind."

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Rob Ford blows a kiss to the media while giving children a tour of the office during Take Your Kids to Work Day at city hall on Wednesday. More coverage, pages 3, 4, 6. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Oshawa

Exotic pet store buckles under bylaw dispute

An exotic pet store in Oshawa has closed, the latest twist in a prolonged bylaw battle — with 600 snakes, lizards and spiders caught in the middle.

"We lost so much business last year," said Debbie Grills, who co-owns D & D Exotics with husband Doug.

The couple has had their home and business raided, and Debbie Grills owes the city $24,000 in fines she refuses to pay, in part because the city has since changed the bylaw she was fined under.

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Halloween

Board apologizes for vice-principal's blackface costume

Vice-principal Lionel Klotz, in costume. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Peel District School Board has apologized for a vice-principal whose Halloween costume sparked complaints of blackface — but will not say what action was brought against him.

Staff and students at Mayfield Secondary School complained after vice-principal Lionel Klotz dressed up as Mr. T.

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Municipal Civics 101 just got a little more complicated

Meredith Davis, holding her daughter Emma Boyco, raises her sign at a rally in Nathan Phillips Square on Wednesday, calling on Mayor Rob Ford to step aside. For an hour over lunchtime, protesters used bells, posters and chalk to make their voices heard. A larger protest is being planned by SaveToronto for Nov. 13, to coincide with a city council meeting.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crack scandal is bad for business: Experts

The financial cost.
People prefer to invest in locations with stable governments: Professor

The scandal surrounding Mayor Rob Ford — and council's inability to deal with it — is a "big turn-off" for those looking to invest or do business with Toronto, experts warn.

The city's business reputation has taken a direct hit as its top official makes headlines around the world for smoking crack cocaine — and it will only negatively impact any new investment that would have come Toronto's way, said University of Toronto economics professor Eric Kirzner.

Best face forward

"The mayor must be able to effectively address our city's key priorities, such as attracting investment, jobs and talent from around the world. He must be the city's marketer-in-chief."

Toronto Region Board of Trade president Carol Wilding, explaining that Ford cannot perform "while this cloud hangs over him and the city"

"We're a laughingstock all over the world, particularly in the U.S., so I really do think it's a factor," he said Wednesday.

He also noted it could have larger, long-term implications for home and business land values across Toronto.

"Who would want to buy a property in a city that can't deal with something this egregious," said Kirzner, of the Rotman School of Business.

"The fact that we do not have any structures in place to do anything about it is totally embarrassing."

The situation makes the city a tougher sell to prospective investors who much prefer doing deals in places that have a stable government and political environment, said Alan Middleton, assistant marketing professor at York University's Schulich School of Business.

"Decisions about location are very professionally handled across the world," said Middleton. "It's a very competitive marketplace, and this is the kind of thing that might tip the balance to the competition," he noted.

The Toronto Region Board of Trade is urging Ford to step aside so that the serious business of running a major metropolitan city can continue without distraction.

"It is in the best interests of the city of Toronto for Mayor Ford to take a leave of absence until the situation is resolved," board president Carol Wilding said in a statement, adding he must do so to "put Toronto first."

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Easy rider makes for easy listening

Chris Cornell rides a bike made by a Canadian fan onstage Wednesday at Massey Hall. Cornell sang tunes he has written throughout his illustrious career, including acoustic arrangements of tracks from 2012's critically acclaimed King Animal, Soundgarden's first new studio album in over 16 years. It was an intimate evening for fans who enjoyed the nearly 30 songs featured on Cornell's retrospective Songbook tour. TOM PANDI/FOR METRO

Look, you've got the wrong Rob Ford

'I am not him. I am much more boring.' Many a tweeter mistakenly chews out fellow users with the same name as the embattled mayor

As Rob Ford's drug scandal has unfolded in recent days, thousands of people have taken to Twitter to scold the mayor for his behaviour. But some of the assailants have been tweeting the wrong Rob Ford.

A professor at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom has received a barrage of fiery tweets in the last week.

"It seems the other Rob Ford is in trouble again. Torontonians, I am not him. I am much more boring," Rob Ford tweeted on Oct. 31, the day Chief Bill Blair revealed that police have a video which appears to show the mayor smoking crack cocaine.

Rob Ford (@robford) TWITTER

It seems not everyone heeded the professor's warning, however. The tweets kept coming, prompting the English Ford to post another reminder on Sunday.

"Really hope this other Rob Ford goes away soon. Tired of annoyed Canadians accosting me on Twitter with Q's about crack pipes."

He also responded directly to several messages, noting some differences between himself and the Toronto mayor.

"Check the profile next time dude," Ford tweeted to one user. "Not fat, not Canadian, not a mayor of anything, not a crack connoisseur."

The professor isn't the only one to deal with some unexpected social-media attention in the wake of the scandal. Another Rob Ford, @robford, has also faced an onslaught of misdirected messages telling him to resign and calling him a "crack head."

"@robford I leave out Mayor on purpose as you don't deserve the title. You're an embarrassment to the office and the city of Toronto! RESIGN!" one user tweeted.

Apparently, this was not the first time @robford had been mistaken for the mayor.

"My Twitter is blowing up ... the mayor of Toronto must be up to some shenanigans again," he tweeted Tuesday.

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Brooks Barnett TWITTER

Mayor loses adviser after crack confession

One of Mayor Rob Ford's policy advisers has resigned.

Brooks Barnett quit on Wednesday morning, the day after Ford admitted that he had smoked crack cocaine while in office. Barnett was one of only four people in the 18-person office remaining from the beginning of Ford's term three years ago, and he had worked on Ford's 2010 campaign team as voting day approached.

Ford did not tell his staff that he would be making the bombshell announcement on Tuesday. Barnett was seen pacing alone in a hallway later in the day.

Barnett handled constituent matters for much of the term. He was given more responsibility at city hall this year, acting as the mayor's liaison to the TTC, among other duties. His title upon his departure was listed as "policy adviser and council relations."

Barnett was one of the aides who tried to corral Ford at city hall on St. Patrick's Day of 2012, when Ford acknowledges he got "out of control." When the intoxicated mayor decided to start making phone calls, his young aides decided to unplug the telephone. Ford, enraged, shoved Barnett with enough force to send him flying backward. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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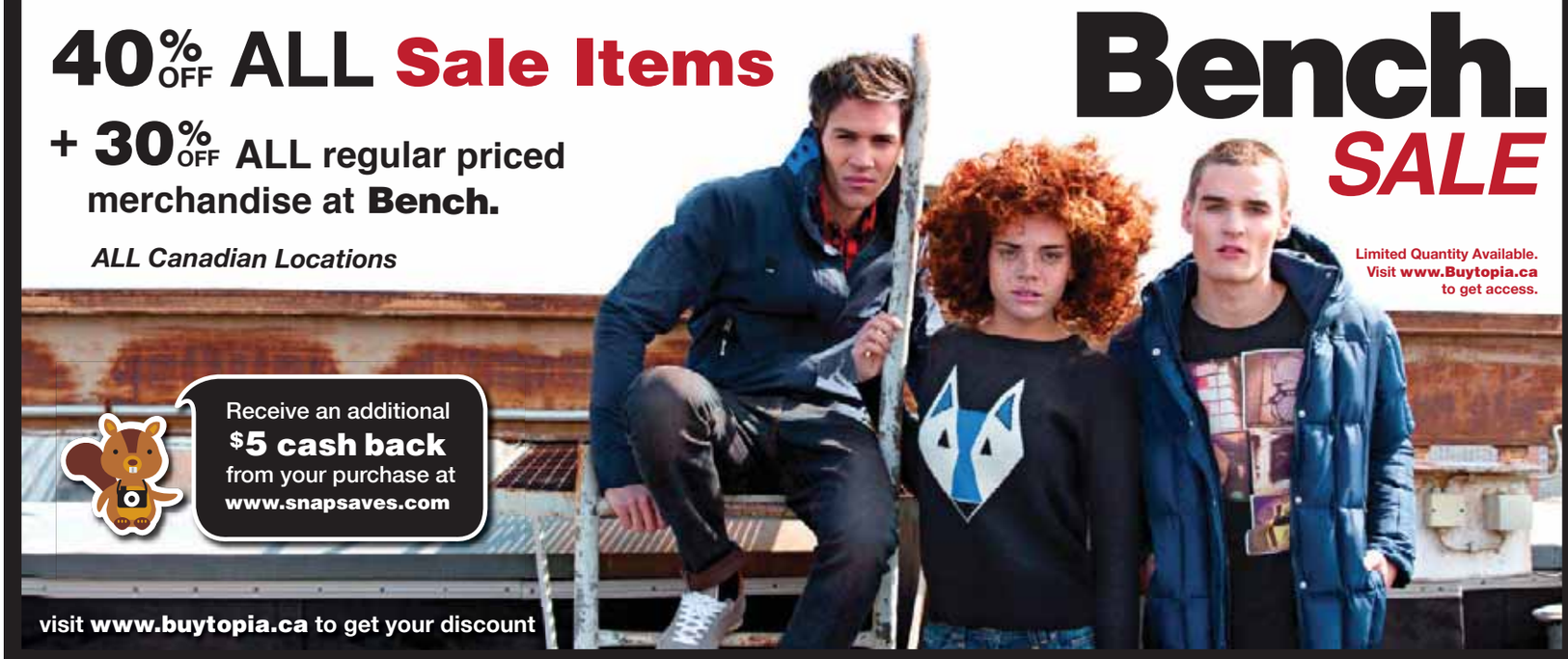

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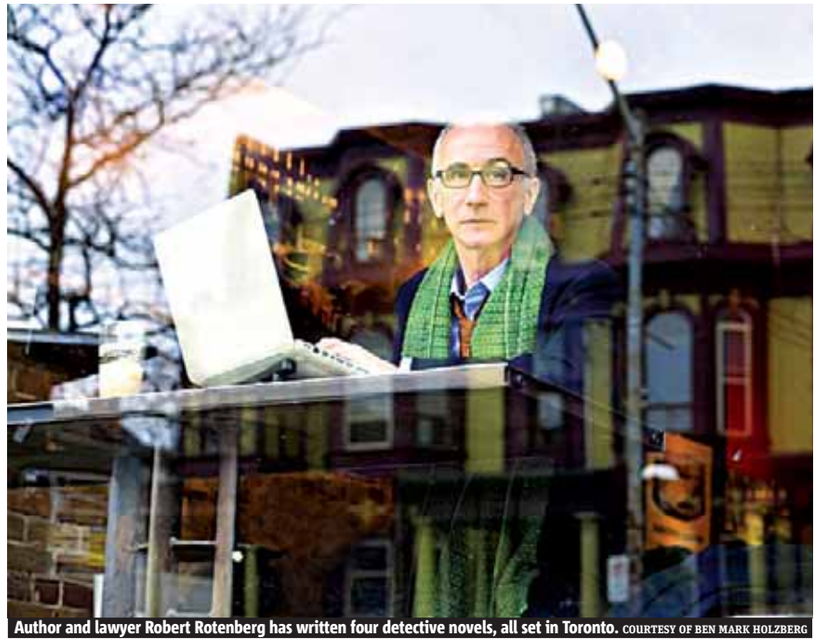

Author and lawyer Robert Rotenberg has written four detective novels, all set in Toronto. COURTESY OF BEN MARK HOLZBERG

When fiction mimics real life

Hap Charlton. Author's main character is based on Rob Ford

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Author Robert Rotenberg was in the business of turning Toronto into fiction before Toronto become stranger than fiction.

Now that the scandal hanging over Toronto's mayor is making worldwide headlines, our city has become something like a real-life detective novel you'd enjoy reading but consider too noir and rife with convenient plot twists to ring true.

Rotenberg seems a bit prescient.

"When people say you can't write this stuff, I say why don't you read my books," he said Wednesday. "But that's why it's getting headlines all over the world. It's a such an extreme situation and that's why it's so fascinating."

Rotenberg is a criminal defence lawyer who has written four detective novels, all set in Toronto. His most recent, Stranglehold, features a character with a dark side, who runs for mayor on a platform of direct communication with taxpayers, eradicating graffiti and coaching underprivileged suburban high school kids' football.

It was published May 7, about a week before the crack video scandal broke.

"I used to joke this whole thing was a Simon & Schuster publicity stunt," he said.

Rotenberg said he wrote Rob Ford-like character Hap Charlton, partly based on what he saw in Ford.

"Part of me has been thinking, 'This is exactly what I thought was going to happen,'" said Rotenberg. "Anyone who seriously doubted there was a video was fooling themselves. Half the city was in denial. But even before that, there were so many signs of (Ford's) reckless behaviour."

Rotenberg sees Ford as someone who's in too deep, great as a councillor who raised a worthwhile fuss over city spending and dealt with constituents' potholes, but lacking some skills required in a mayor.

"Novels are about people who get in over their head and have to climb their way out," he said.

One of the compelling parts of Ford's real life is his relationship with his brother Doug.

"I've been saying from the beginning I think this is a little brother, big brother story," said Rotenberg. "It's a younger brother wanting to impress his older brother."

When Ford said Tuesday the hardest part of revealing he'd smoked crack was telling his brother, it struck Rotenberg as odd, given that Ford is the mayor and has a wife and kids.

"As a writer, they're great characters. We all want characters who are flawed and they're something larger than life," he added.

But Ford's story isn't fiction and Rotenberg has real concerns about Ford's apparent inability to stop his dangerous behaviour. In real life, like in fiction, when people get in trouble with the law their hidden secrets tend to become public and that can be the hardest thing for them to deal with, he said.

"I suspect there are lot more twists and turns in this story yet to come," he said.

Rotenberg will be doing a reading at the Toronto Reference Library Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Up, up and away! GTA home sales up in October; growth expected to continue in 2014

GTA home sales remained strong in October, with sales up more than 19 per cent over the same period last year and prices up more than seven per cent, according to figures released by the Toronto Real Estate Board Wednesday.

The average sale price of a home hit $539,058 last month, up from $502,127 in October of 2012.

The composite benchmark — which factors out extremes in the market, such as a spike in high-end home sales — was up 4.5 per cent year over year, says TREB.

That growth is expected to continue through 2014, because the inventory of homes being listed for sale remains unusually low, along with interest rates, says Jason Mercer, the real estate board's senior manager of market analysis.

"The GTA home ownership market has been broadly characterized by a rebound in sales since the summer. Market conditions have been tighter in some market segments more so than others," says Dianne Usher, president of the board.

"Ground-oriented homes listed for below $1 million in some areas of the GTA have been especially popular with buyers, while listings for these home types have been constrained."

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416 vs. 905

Some 8,000 homes changed hands in October, up from 6,713 a year ago when the market was still feeling the dampening effects of tougher mortgage lending rules.

- The average sale price of a house in the 416 region was $593,807 in October, up from $538,120 a year ago.
- The average was $502,748 in the 905, up from $478,313, according to the TREB figures.

For the man who has it all (including paranoia?)

Bulletproof suits.

Some buy them for safety, others because they have $20K to spare and want to feel all gangsta

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If you're going to pay thousands of dollars for a business class plane ticket to Colombia, paying $20,000 for a bulletproof suit to keep you safe when you get there doesn't sound that outrageous after all.

That's the pitch Michael Nguyen, owner of high-end men's tailor shop Garrison Bespoke, is giving to sell the pricey suits to the corporate commandos of Bay Street.

At the Ajax Rod and Gun Club on Tuesday, Garrison Bespoke held a demo of its suit, shooting it repeatedly with different calibre handguns while it was worn by a dummy.

The suit saved the dummy from every shot but one, which landed between the lapels where there was no protection, striking and puncturing the vest underneath.

There are two distinct types of clientele who have preordered the suit, according to Nguyen.

"The first one actually needs it from a functional standpoint," he said. "A lot of our clients work in industries that deal with oil, gas and diamonds, and often travel to different parts of the world and are meeting people for the first time. They don't know who to trust, but they know they've got a family back here in Toronto."

It's important for these businessmen that the suit doesn't look bulletproof, which would send the wrong message to clients, but still protects them, he said.

A marksman from the Ajax Rod and Gun club puts Garrison Bespoke's bulletproof suit through its paces. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

"The second is the type of client who would buy a high-powered sportscar and drive it in Toronto," he said. "In Toronto, to have a car with 1,000 horsepower isn't very functional. But it is very cool. In the same way their wife will be collecting china or a Fabergé egg at home, they'll have a bulletproof suit."

The best-known bulletproof suit maker is Colombia's Miguel Caballero, who is known to screen his clients so the suits of armour don't end up helping criminals.

Nguyen has no such plans.

"Whatever line of work our client is in, we're here to provide a service, and a level of protection for anyone who needs it," he said. "Some people turn around their life and we want to be a second level of defence for them."

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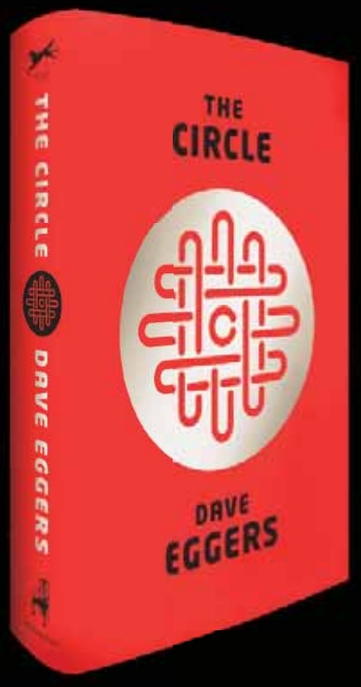

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In this photo from 2002, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat pauses during Friday prayers in his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Al-Jazeera is reporting that Swiss scientists have found evidence that Arafat died of poisoning, publishing a copy of what it said was the scientists' report on its website on Wednesday. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Arafat may have been poisoned

Report. Swiss scientists say the Palestinian leader's death could be due to a rare, deadly radioactive isotope

Swiss scientists have found evidence suggesting Yasser Arafat may have been poisoned, TV station Al-Jazeera reported Wednesday, prompting new allegations by his widow that the Palestinian leader was the victim of a "shocking, shocking" crime.

Palestinian officials have long accused Israel of poisoning Arafat, a claim Israel has denied. Arafat died under mysterious circumstances at a French military hospital in 2004, a month after falling ill at his West Bank compound.

The findings reported Wednesday appear to be the most significant so far in an investigation into Arafat's death initiated by his widow, Suha, and Al-Jazeera.

Last year, Switzerland's Institute of Radiation Physics discovered traces of polonium-210, a deadly radioactive isotope, on some of Arafat's belongings. Soil and bone samples were subsequently taken from Arafat's grave in the West Bank.

On Wednesday, Al-Jazeera published the Swiss team's 108-page report. The results "moderately support the proposition that the death was the consequence of poisoning with polonium-210," the report said.

Polonium is a rare and lethal substance. The element can be a byproduct of the processing of uranium, but usually is made artificially in a nuclear reactor or a particle accelerator.

The examination of Arafat's remains found "unexpectedly high levels" of polonium-210, the Swiss team wrote.

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Saudi Arabia

Huge crackdown on illegal workers leaves 1 dead, 16,000 arrested

Saudi police killed an Ethiopian migrant who tried to flee arrest, authorities said Wednesday, as a crackdown on foreigners working illegally in the kingdom widens with more than 16,000 arrests. The security sweep comes after months of warnings by the Saudi government, which has created a special task force who are combing shops, construction sites and restaurants in search of foreign workers without proper permits.

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Looking for 'closure'. Hijacker returns to U.S. from Cuba to face justice

An American who hijacked an airliner to Cuba nearly 30 years ago flew back home Wednesday to face U.S. justice.

FBI agents took William Potts, 56, into custody shortly after his flight from Havana landed at Miami International Airport, said an FBI spokesman. Potts faces a 1985 federal indictment for hijacking a Piedmont Airlines flight in 1984.

In interviews prior to leaving Cuba, Potts said he was seeking "closure" and hoped to convince U.S. prosecutors to give him credit for the 13-plus years he spent in Cuban prison for hijacking the flight.

Even though Potts could have stayed in Cuba, he decided to come home and take his chances with the legal system.

"It's time it had closure. Why leave it hanging, why leave this gaping uncertainty?" he said. "So I want to resolve that because … having completed my sentence, I feel like I want to put all that stuff behind me. I don't want that lingering over or impeding anything I might want to do. Once you've paid your debt to society you're entitled to a fresh start."

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper responds to a question during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sask. calls for Senate abolition

Saskatchewan has repealed legislation that would have allowed for the election of Senate nominees.

The law was passed in 2009 and allowed for elections to choose names that could be put forward to the prime minister for Senate consideration — although no election was ever held.

Premier Brad Wall has also tabled a motion in the legislature calling for the abolition of the Senate.

Wall told the legislature that the Senate has "failed the test of being effective."

The premier has said he believes that most people in Saskatchewan agree that the Senate no longer serves any useful purpose and is not worth the $100 million in taxpayer money spent on it each year.

Wall had been a proponent of Senate reform, but said this spring that he no longer believes meaningful reform is possible.

"Long before the current scandals, which have further marginalized the Senate as a useful institution, many were questioning the relevance of an appointed group of men and women, unelected and unaccountable, potentially standing in the way of an elected House of Commons," Wall said in a news release Wednesday.

"As it has become clear that reform is not possible, abolition has become the preference of Saskatchewan people."

Wall says the motion is not a proposed constitutional amendment, but simply a statement of Saskatchewan's official position on the Senate.

The motion is expected to pass as it is the position of the governing Saskatchewan Party and the Opposition NDP.

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Suspended senators not off public payroll yet

Duffy, Wallin and Brazeau. As of Tuesday's vote, they can't sit in assembly, keep their offices or employ staff

The Conservative government is scrambling to figure out if the suspensions of three of its own senators actually means they're entirely off the public payroll, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper claims.

Tuesday's suspensions of Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau for allegedly fraudulent expense claims are without precedent and the government still hasn't figured out all the ramifications.

Among the lingering questions: Is Duffy eligible for a disability allowance? Will the trio's time in political purgatory — as much as two years — count toward the six years of service needed to be eligible for a generous parliamentary pension?

Good questions — and it's up to the Senate to answer them, said Treasury Board President Tony Clement, the chief guardian of the public purse.

Claude Carignan, government leader in the Senate, called the questions "technicalities" that will be sorted out by the chamber's administration.

The intention of the suspension motions passed on Tuesday was to suspend Duffy, Wallin and Brazeau "without pay, without any benefits … including (the) pension plan," he said. While Senate officials will apply "the spirit and the letter" of those motions, he allowed that there might be some legal impediments.

In fact, the three are still entitled to health, dental and life insurance benefits — a provision added by Carignan last week to make the suspensions more palatable to some of his Conservative colleagues.

Their suspensions are for the duration of the parliamentary sitting, which could continue until 2015 — the same year in which Wallin, Duffy and Brazeau, all appointed in early 2009, would ordinarily become eligible for pension.

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Pension questions

Gregory Thomas, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers' Association, said the suspensions should not impact the trio's pension eligibility, provided they continue to make contributions and aren't expelled.

- Duffy, the eldest of the three at 67, would be immediately eligible in 2015 for an annual pension of $58,264, according to the federation.
- If Duffy were to receive a disability allowance, he could be collecting $94,640 per year, according to the Parliament of Canada Act.

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New DNA evidence bolsters Knox's defence

'Considerable affinity.' Testimony disputes that murder victim's DNA found on knife blade

In the third Italian murder trial of U.S. student Amanda Knox, a court-appointed expert testified Wednesday that the alleged murder weapon shows a new DNA trace that belongs to Knox and not the victim.

That testimony bolsters the defence, which claims the kitchen knife was not the weapon used in the bloody 2007 slaying of Knox's British roommate, 21-year-old Meredith Kercher.

Another piece of DNA on the knife blade initially attributed to Kercher was disputed on appeal.

Expert Andrea Berti testified Wednesday that the minute new DNA trace from the knife's handle showed "considerable affinity" with Knox's DNA, while not matching those of Kercher, Knox's co-defendant and ex-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito, or Rudy Guede, an Ivorian man who has been convicted separately in the brutal slaying.

Knox defence lawyer Luca Maori told the Associated Press after the hearing that expert testimony backs their argument that Knox had used the knife found in Sollecito's kitchen solely for preparing food. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"It means that Amanda took the knife exclusively for cooking matters."
Luca Maori, defence lawyer

Amanda Knox's ex-boyfriend sits with his lawyer as Knox's lawyer speaks to them ahead of a hearing. PATRICIA THOMAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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This rate hearing will be held under section 78.1 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

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17 days of silence

Pussy Riot member's hubby says he can't get a hold of her

The husband of imprisoned Pussy Riot member Nadezhda Tolokonnikova is complaining that he hasn't been able to contact her for more than two weeks as she is transferred to a new prison.

Tolokonnikova is serving two years for hooliganism after the band's politically provocative 2012 performance in Moscow's main cathedral. She went on a hunger strike to protest.
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Bunga bunga persecution?

Berlusconi's kids compare his plight to the Holocaust

Italian ex-premier Silvio Berlusconi has likened Jewish suffering in Hitler's Germany to what his family feels about his judicial woes, triggering criticism from Italian politicians and Jewish leaders that he is trivializing the Holocaust.

Berlusconi said his adult children tell him they feel like the Jewish families must have felt like in Hitler's Germany, quoting them as saying "everyone's on top of us."
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Easy there, tiger

A three-month-old Sumatran tiger cub named Bandar shows his displeasure after being dunked in the tiger exhibit moat for a swim-reliability test at the National Zoo in Washington on Wednesday. All cubs born at the zoo must take a swim test before being allowed to roam in the exhibit. Bandar passed his test.
MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec lawmakers getting a mouthful

Charter-of-values bill. Legislation to be tabled Thursday has a new 28-word title

The Parti Québécois' controversial charter of values is being rebranded, and its official new name is less than succinct. It will be tabled tomorrow as a bill in the legislature under the formal title: Charter Affirming The Values Of Secularism And The Religious Neutrality Of The State, As Well As The Equality Of Men And Women, And The Framing Of Accommodation Requests.

The minister responsible says he didn't pick the name.

Bernard Drainville says the title was selected by government lawyers who worked on the bill, and he says they like long names that include all the major details in the title.

"There's no new phrasing," Drainville said Wednesday. That suggests the government will keep referring to it as the charter of values — which has been the popular name for the plan that would force state employees to take off their headscarves, yarmulkes, turbans and larger-than-average crucifixes if they want to keep their jobs.

However, the bill appears to have no chance of passing in its current form, in the current legislature. The PQ has only a minority government and will have two basic options: water down the bill to get it adopted, or preserve it for an election campaign.

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Quebec Premier Pauline Marois responds Wednesday to opposition over the tabling of a bill on secularism in the legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ocean science

Canada at risk of losing status as a world leader

A report for the Council of Canadian Academies says Canada is at risk of losing its world-leader status on ocean science.

The report says funding for ocean science is actually increasing, contrary to perception, but limitations on access to data and information reduce the usefulness of research being done by governments, universities and industry.

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Health care

Ottawa gets low marks from doctors' group

The College of Family Physicians of Canada has given the Conservative government low marks on health care and is calling on Ottawa to show leadership in setting national standards as it confronts an aging population.

Among the areas of biggest concern are the absence of a national home-care program, primary care supports and an immunization strategy.

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Meteors. Flood of videos on social media lead scientists to rethink risk

Unprecedented documentation on YouTube and other social media of a small asteroid exploding over a Russian city earlier this year has taught scientists much more about how — and how often — such spectacular events happen.

In one of three scientific papers on the Chelyabinsk meteor published Wednesday, a Western University scientist concludes the heavenly bodies are hitting Earth two or three times more often than we thought.

The Chelyabinsk meteor exploded in the sky over the nearby city of that name on Feb. 15. The long, fiery trail gave observers plenty of time to whip out smartphones and videocams to record it — and many did. More than 400 recordings of it exist.

Peter Brown, lead author of the paper published in Nature, and his colleagues were able to use the wealth of data to construct a clearer picture of what happens to asteroids when they hit the atmosphere. Previously, scientists assumed the explosions were similar in character to nuclear blasts — spherical shock waves expanding from a central point. But Chelyabinsk's explosion looked more like a cylinder, which meant less damage on the ground, but spread over a larger area.

Olga Popova, author of another paper in Science, used the data from security and dashboard cameras to calculate that the asteroid was nearly 20 metres in diameter and hit a speed of 18.6 kilometres per second. The blast was 30 times brighter than the sun and released energy equivalent to 530 kilotonnes of TNT. THE CANADIAN PRESS

People look at a chunk of the Chelyabinsk meteor, recovered from a lake in Russia last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Google says mystery solved: Barge for interactive learning

Three vessels.
The East Coast boat built in New London, Conn., in July was recently towed to Maine

Internet giant Google says it is exploring using a large barge as an interactive learning centre.

A statement released Wednesday from Google's press centre may help end weeks of speculation about the purpose of structures on two barges, one being built in the San Francisco Bay, another off Portland, Maine.

"Google Barge ... A floating data centre? A wild party boat? A barge housing the last remaining dinosaur? Sadly, none of the above," says the statement. "Although it's still early days and things may change, we're exploring using the barge as an interactive space where people can learn about new technology."

Shrouded in secrecy

Until now, city officials responsible for land use and state officials responsible for the bay have said they didn't know what was being built there.

- Coast-guard inspectors who visited the construction sites had to sign non-disclosure agreements.

Google did not specify in the statement if it was referring to both barges or, if just one, which one, and the firm did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Google has been building a four-storey structure in San Francisco Bay for weeks, but managed to conceal its purpose by constructing it on docked barges instead of on land, where city building permits and public plans are mandatory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This photo shows a barge on Treasure Island in San Francisco on Tuesday. It is one of three mysterious floating structures that have sparked online speculation. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jurassic discovery.
'King of gore' dino ruled before its T. rex cousin

Paleontologists on Wednesday unveiled a new dinosaur discovered in the western state of Utah that proves giant tyrant dinosaurs like the Tyrannosaurus rex were around 10 million years earlier than previously believed.

A full skeletal replica of the carnivore — the equivalent of the great uncle of the T. rex — was on display at the Natural History Museum of Utah alongside a 3D model of the head and a large painted mural of the dinosaur roaming a shoreline.

It was the public's first glimpse at the new species, which researchers named Lythronax argestes. The first part of the name means "king of gore," and the second part is derived from poet Homer's southwest wind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Formula six?

Google ordered to block Max Mosley orgy photos

A French court ruled Wednesday that Google must rid its search results of nine images of an orgy involving former Formula One chief Max Mosley.

Google's associate general counsel, Daphne Keller, said the ruling amounted to asking the search giant to build a "censorship machine."

Google is concerned it wouldn't be able to build a filter that only targets the Mosley images but would accidentally also weed out lawful content.

"This is a troubling ruling with serious consequences for free expression, and we will appeal it," said Keller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Richmond-Adelaide Cycle Track Study – Including Peter & Simcoe Street

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Drop-in Event #2

The City of Toronto is hosting a two day drop-in event to present preliminary recommended solutions for bikeways on Richmond Street and Adelaide Street as well as Peter Street and Simcoe Street. We invite you to join us to view information materials, speak with members of the project team, and share your feedback. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday, November 18, and Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. – Materials on display
3 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Project team on site to answer questions
Monday, 6 p.m. – Spoken presentation of the materials
Location: Metro Hall Rotunda, 55 John St., Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

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Study Overview
We are studying the potential for physically separated bicycle lanes (known as "cycle tracks") between Bathurst Street to Sherbourne Street using Richmond Street and Adelaide Street. The preliminary recommended solution is for a uni-directional cycle track on the right side of each street, which would replace the existing right side vehicle curb lane.

North-south bikeways are also recommended on both Peter Street and Simcoe Street. The preliminary recommended solutions for these streets are a hybrid of protected cycle tracks and painted bike lanes, in order to provide for on-street parking and vehicle loading.

The Process
This study is following a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Schedule 'C' process, which includes identifying the problem/ opportunity, developing and evaluating a reasonable range of alternative solutions, and providing opportunities for public input.

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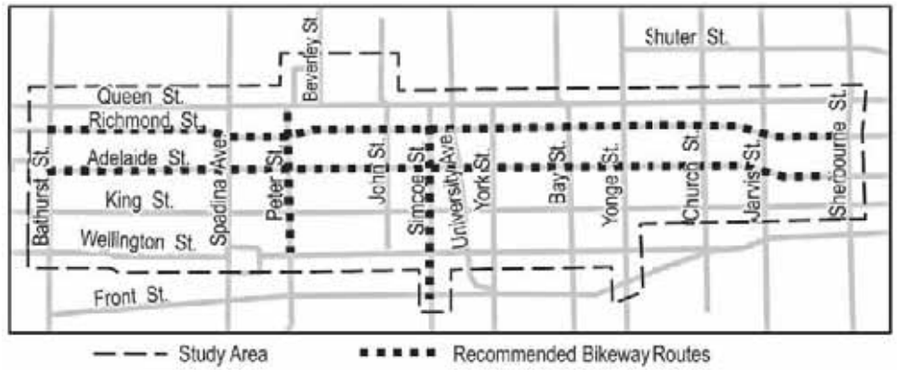

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Public participation is an important part of this study. You are invited to learn more and to share your insights and opinions at any time.

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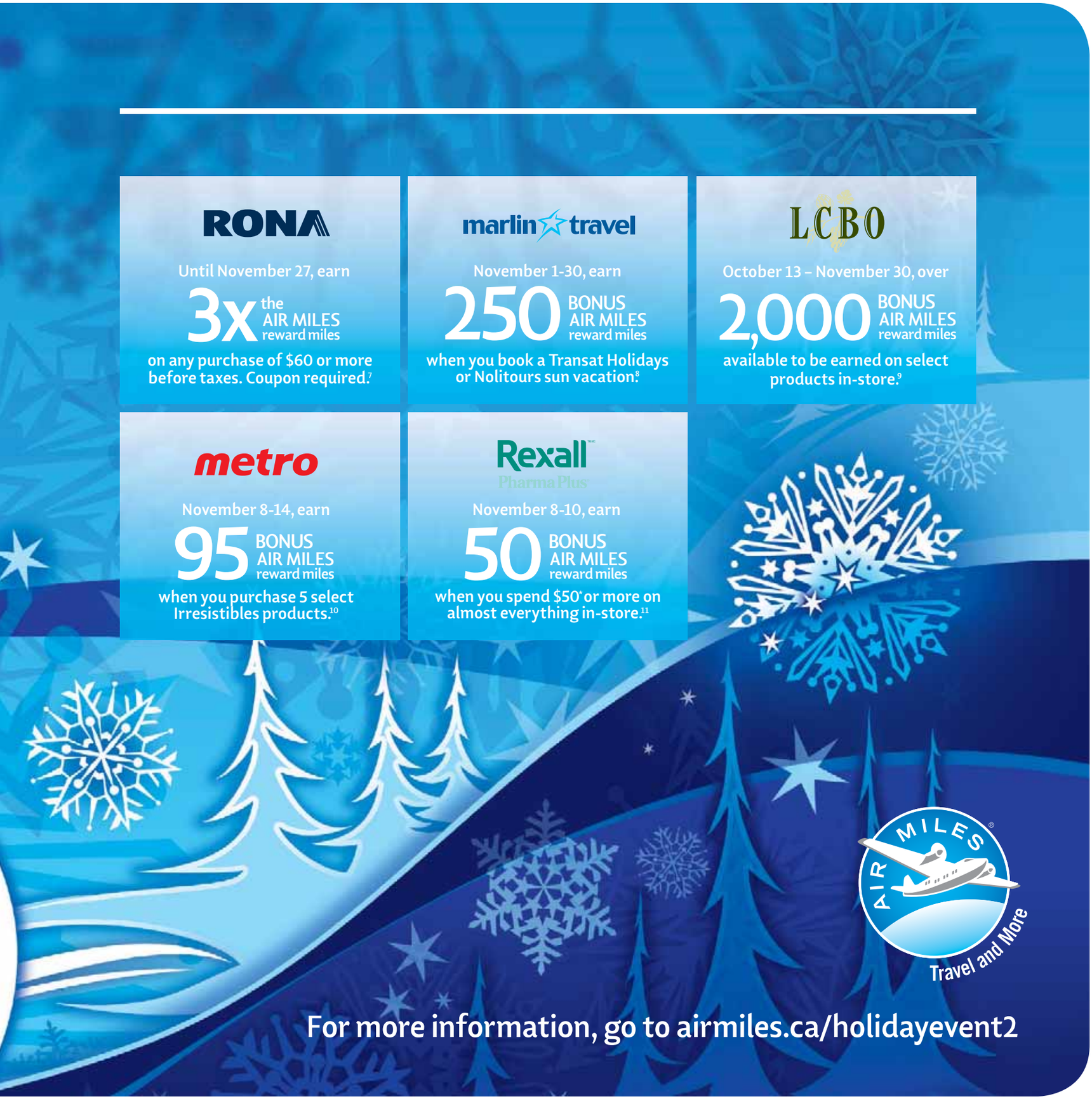
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Poaching of elephants and rhinos an escalating crime trend

Crime. 'Kenya stands at a crossroads as far as environmental criminal activity is concerned': Attorney general

The illegal cutting of timber and the poaching of elephants and rhinos are part of a "rapidly escalating environmental crime wave" that international governments must combat by increasing co-operation, police and environmental officials said Wednesday.

Interpol and the United Nations Environmental Program are working together to stop environmental crimes that cost tens of billions of dollars a year, said Achim Steiner, the UN Environmental Program's executive director. Some 500 law enforcement and environmental experts from around the world are meeting in Nairobi this week to try to stem the problem.

Kenyan officials and the International Fund for Animal Welfare fit a GPS tracking collar on a tranquilized male to monitor migration. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"This is a global phenomenon. These are global syndicates, criminals that are engaging in this trade," said Steiner. Officials in China this week busted two smuggling rings responsible for trafficking nearly $100 million of elephant ivory from Africa to China, the International Fund for Animal Welfare said Wednesday. They also said Tanzania announced they had seized 706 tusks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shocking number

17,000

An estimate of the number of elephants that were illegally killed in Africa in 2011 alone, according to UNEP. The demand for elephant ivory by China's rising middle class is fuelling the killings.

Environmental crime

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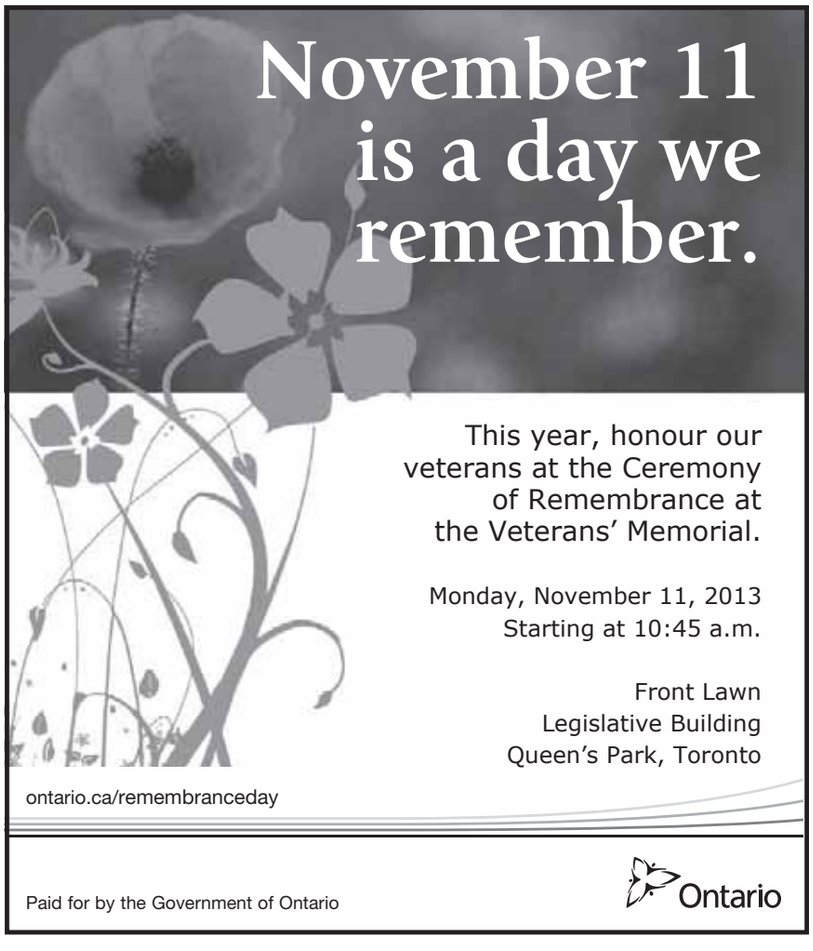

Duck-billed dinosaur. Yet another hadrosaur found in Alberta's earth

It appears that you can't dig a deep hole in Alberta without finding a duck-billed dinosaur.

For the second time in weeks, construction crews have discovered the fossilized remains of a hadrosaur, a plant-eating creature that stalked the Earth about 68 million years ago.

The latest discovery happened in Leduc, a city south of Edmonton.

A crew helping to build a housing development found the fossils six metres below the surface and called the Royal Tyrrell Museum. The crew then helped museum staff carefully remove dirt and rock from the prehistoric buried treasure.

Museum curator Francois Therrien said this dinosaur was a teenager and is about eight metres long. The fact that much of the skeleton was found intact makes it an important find.

"When you walk in the badlands of southern Alberta when you find dinosaur bones, nine times out of 10 it will be from a duck-billed dinosaur." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A hadrosaur fossil in Leduc, Alta. ROYAL TYRELL MUSEUM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legal argument

Russia wrong to seize Greenpeace ship: Holland

Attorneys representing the Netherlands argued Wednesday that Russia violated UN regulations when it seized the Dutch-flagged Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise and charged all on board with piracy.

The Hamburg-based International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea agreed to hear arguments on the case even though Russia refused to attend. Russia argued that even though it had ratified the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, it stipulated it would not accept arbitration on cases it considered to be matters of national sovereignty.

Dutch attorneys asked for the immediate release of 28 Greenpeace activists, a Russian photographer and a British videographer, as well as the Arctic Sunrise icebreaker. All were seized by the Russian coast guard after a protest near a Gazprom-owned oil rig in the Arctic. The Dutch argued there was no evidence of piracy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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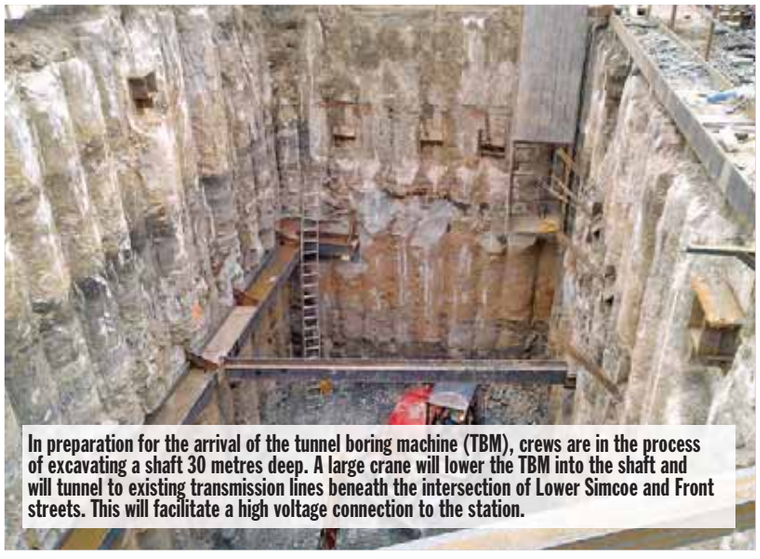
The last time Toronto Hydro's distribution grid experienced a significant renovation was during the 1950s, '60s and '70s, when the city experienced major growth. This was before laptops and smartphones, before Toronto was a skyscraper city, and at a time when our population was less than one million people.

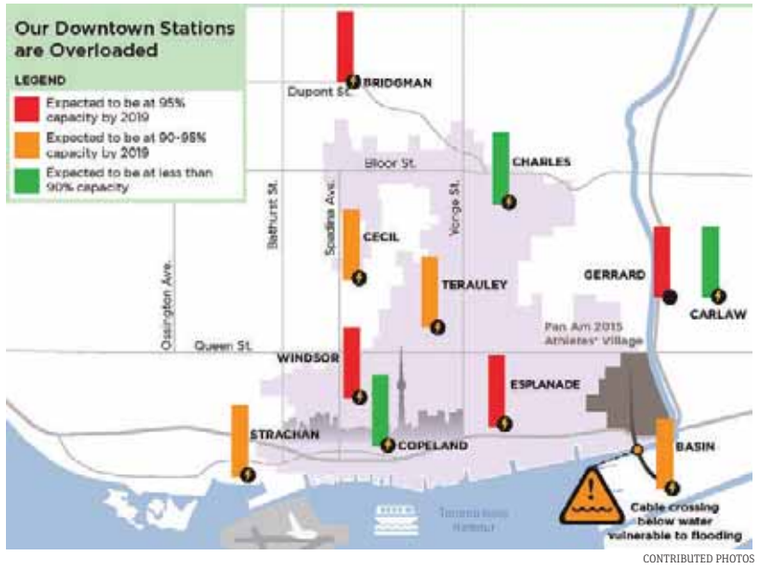
For the most part, this infrastructure is still serving us today, although many other things have changed. We're now one of the largest cities in North America by population. We serve a base of about 2.8 million people, plus the several hundred thousand more that commute into the city every day.

It's time to bring our distribution grid up to speed with the technological and first-class customer service requirements of our modern city. We're rebuilding to serve you today, tomorrow and for years to come.

Anthony Haines
Toronto Hydro Corporation president and chief executive officer



In preparation for the arrival of the tunnel boring machine (TBM), crews are in the process of excavating a shaft 30 metres deep. A large crane will lower the TBM into the shaft and will tunnel to existing transmission lines beneath the intersection of Lower Simcoe and Front streets. This will facilitate a high voltage connection to the station.



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MAKING ROOM ON THE DISTRIBUTION GRID

Toronto Hydro operates five transformer stations that feed electricity to residential, business and commercial customers in the downtown core. Four are nearing capacity, which presents a significant challenge for engineers who have to find somewhere to connect new electrical load. That's why Toronto Hydro is investing approximately $195 million in Clare R. Copeland Station, a new underground transformer station.

Copeland Station will not only take stress off neighbouring downtown stations, it will improve reliability and allow room for future connections to the grid. It will supply large customers like Ripley's Aquarium, the Rogers Centre, Steam Whistle Brewery, and a number of projects including:

- New infrastructure along Queens Quay as part of the Waterfront Toronto Revitalization
- Mass transit expansion and upgrades including Union Station and MetroLinx
- 2015 Pan/Parapan Am Games

Once complete, the underground station will be virtually undetectable to the hundreds of thousands of visitors who visit the area each year. The station is expected to be in service by the end of 2014.

FUN FACTS ABOUT COPELAND STATION

- It's located on a designated heritage site and special considerations are being made throughout construction. The machine shop, which was used for repairing rail cars, was taken apart brick by brick and will be reassembled when construction is complete.
- An on-site camera captures progress on the job site by taking photos four times per hour; the photos can be viewed as a time-lapse video. Visit torontohydro.com/copelandstation.
- Clare Copeland served Toronto Hydro as the chairman of the board of the directors from 1999-2013. This namesake pays tribute to his dedication and guidance during a time of immense industry change.

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Few movies pass new gender-bias rating in Sweden

Study. Of the top 100 U.S. films in 2011, women account for 33% of characters and 11% of protagonists

The director of movie theatre Bio Rio in Stockholm, Ellen Tejle, holds an A-rating certificate. Cinemas in equality-minded Sweden are using the test to highlight an absence of gender bias. AMI BRAMME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You expect movie ratings to tell you whether a film contains nudity, sex, profanity or violence. Now movie theatres in equality-minded Sweden are introducing a new rating to highlight gender bias, or rather the absence of it.

To get an A rating, a movie must pass the so-called Bechdel test, which means it must have at least two named female characters who talk to each other about something other than a man.

"The entire Lord of the Rings' trilogy, all Star Wars movies, The Social Network, Pulp Fiction and all but one of the Harry Potter movies fail this test," said Ellen Tejle, the director of Bio Rio, an arthouse movie theatre in Stockholm's trendy Sodermalm district.

Bio Rio is one of four Swedish movie theatres that launched the new rating last month to draw attention to how few movies pass. Most visitors have reacted positively to the initiative and "for some people it has been an eye-opener," said Tejle.

Beliefs about women's roles in society are influenced by the fact that movie watchers rarely see "a female superhero or a female professor or person who makes it through exciting challenges and masters them," Tejle said, noting that the rating doesn't say anything about the quality of the film. "The goal is to see more female stories and perspectives on cinema screens."

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Cars and smokestacks

Carbon dioxide levels at record high: UN

World carbon dioxide pollution levels in the atmosphere are accelerating and reached a record high in 2012, the UN weather agency said Wednesday.

The heat-trapping gas was measured at 393.1 parts per million last year, up 2.2 ppm from the previous year, said the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organization in its annual greenhouse gas inventory.

That is far beyond the 350 ppm that some scientists suggest as the safe upper limit. As the chief gas blamed for global warming, carbon dioxide's 2012 increase outpaced the past decade's average annual increase of 2.02 ppm. It's expected to cross 400 ppm by 2016.

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'Barbecued' for a cause

Animal-rights activist and co-founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Ingrid Newkirk lies on a mock barbecue stand as a sign of protest in Mumbai on Wednesday. The action marks World Vegan Month, which celebrates health, environment and the animal-friendly vegan diet. RAFIQ MAQBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beer lovers left flat by bubbling feud

Heady Topper. Brew ranked among best in the world shutters its retail operation to the delight of neighbours, and despair of fans

A popular Vermont beer is in such high demand that its makers are shuttering their retail operation to head off the trouble brewing with its neighbours.

Customers lined up at The Alchemist brewery on Tuesday to buy cases of Heady Topper, the double IPA that Beer Advocate magazine recently ranked No. 1 out of the top 250 beers in the world.

The hoppy concoction is so popular — sales have grown from 30 barrels a week to 180 a week in the two years since the brewery opened — that owners Jen and John Kimmich plan to close their retail operation on Nov. 15 to appease nearby residents.

"We've had complaints from neighbours," Jen Kimmich said. "We would have had to fight to keep on going. … We decided to close down before it turns into a large legal battle."

The couple plan to reopen the retail outlet as soon as possible and is looking for other locations in Waterbury, Kimmich said. While the retail end is closing for now, the brewery will continue operating and keep its staff of 25, she said.

While grieving customers crashed the Heady Topper website Tuesday afternoon, it drew a big sigh of relief from Amy Kinsell, who owns the house next door to the brewery.

Beer lovers can be more boisterous than considerate at times. The driveway at the Kimmichs' business is easy to miss, and Kinsell said there was one half-hour period last summer when 26 people turned around in her driveway.

There was no drowning her sorrows in her neighbour's product, Kinsell said.

"I'm not a beer drinker, not a fan of any beer."

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In this Sept. 4 photo, cans of Heady Topper roll off the line at the Alchemist Cannery in Waterbury, Vt. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"The busier they've gotten, the more chaotic my life has gotten."

Amy Kinsell, who owns the house next door to the brewery, whose complaints include cars using her driveway, smoke, odours and noise

Syrian refugees soaring back to school

Students play in their schoolyard on the first day of classes at a private school built for Syrian refugees in Sidon, Lebanon, Wednesday. There are more than 800,000 refugees registered with the UN refugees agency in Lebanon, but the Lebanese government estimates the real number of Syrians in the country at more than a million. MOHAMMED ZAATARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pittsburgh

Homeless man gets a taste of the good life, then jail

A homeless man has gone from the penthouse to the big house after he was found sleeping in the presidential suite at one of Pittsburgh's top hotels.

Jeffrey Lennon Watson, 48, told police he was from Los Angeles and was passing through the city to return to California when he was nabbed by security at the Omni William Penn Hotel on Tuesday night, police spokeswoman Diane Richard said Wednesday.

Hotel guests were checking into the suite about 7:30 p.m. when they saw Watson sleeping on a couch and notified hotel staff, police said. Hotel security officers woke him up, took him to their office and called police, Richard said.

Watson told police "he has been in Pittsburgh for over a month and sleeps wherever he can locate somewhere comfortable to rest his head," Richard said.

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Tribunal. Decision nears for tree planters claiming filthy, racist conditions

The B.C. Human Rights Tribunal will hear final arguments next month as it considers the case of a group of tree planters who allege they endured slave-like conditions and discrimination while working at a remote camp in southeastern B.C.

The roughly 50 planters, many of them recent immigrants or refugees from Africa, complained about the conditions of the Khaira Enterprises Ltd., camp in July 2010.

Forests ministry officials shut down the camp after the planters were discovered in filthy conditions, without proper shelter or clean water, and told ministry staff they had not had food for two days.

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Hire a veteran

Starbucks brews up plan to give war vets jobs

Starbucks says it plans to hire at least 10,000 veterans and military spouses over the next five years.

The Seattle-based coffee company says it will develop a system dedicated to matching the skills of veterans and military spouses with jobs throughout its organization.

Starbucks says it has nearly 200,000 employees worldwide.

Several companies in recent years have committed to hiring veterans or military spouses. Earlier this year Walmart said it planned to hire more than 100,000 veterans over the next five years.

Starbucks will also designate five cafés in military communities where a portion of each transaction is donated to Operations GoodJobs and Vested in Vets.

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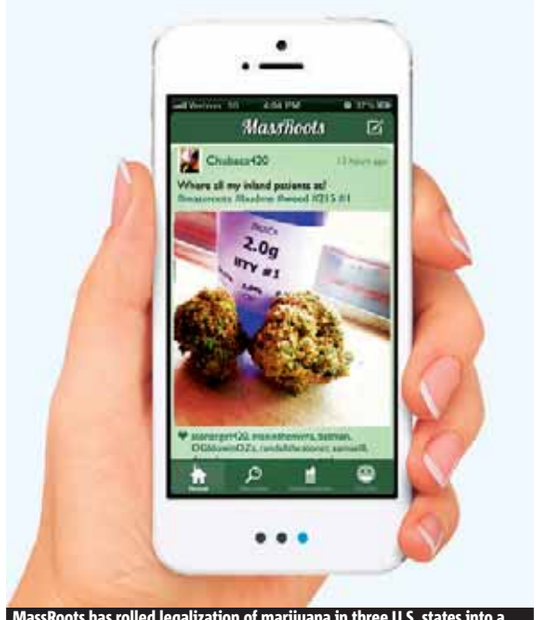
The green rush: Investors high on potent profits in U.S.



MassRoots has rolled legalization of marijuana in three U.S. states into a high-grade social-media app for consumers. CONTRIBUTED

Budding business. The legalization of marijuana in some U.S. states has sparked massive growth, with $2.3B US in projected sales in 2014

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A year after the first three U.S. states legalized marijuana, it has become an irresistible commodity in a booming industry. Conformation of the revolution came in Seattle this week, where investors paid over $1,000 US just to attend a start-up fair and have the chance to buy in.

"It's an extremely professional event full of high-quality opportunities," says Isaac Dietrich, CEO of MassRoots, a social-media app for consumers. The 21-year-old has secured $150,000 US in investment from hedge-fund managers, and the only way is up.

The "gold rush" includes projected sales figures of over $2.3 billion US next year, according to investors circle ArcView, representing growth of 64 per cent — the fastest of any domestic industry.

Mellowing out on marijuana

A recent Gallup opinion poll showed 58 per cent public support for full legalization. Jim Willett, 62, ex-navy and social conservative, is now among those pro-pot.

- "It's a much broader and more diverse type of company than the early days of just selling (marijuana) pipes," said Willett, who has made $750,000 US from a $150,000 US investment in a specialist marijuana security firm, and holds software and agricultural shares too.

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Canadians don't trust telecom providers

A toxic relationship?
It seems we can't live without our phones, Internet and cable — but we could live without the bills

Complaints about wireless data, roaming and Internet bandwidth charges have more than doubled, with Canadian consumers showing increasing distrust of the bills they get from telecom providers, says the industry's watchdog group.

Billing charges involving these three issues generated customer complaints more than 1,500 times in the past year, according to the annual report by the Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services released on Wednesday.

Hard to quantify

"You can't wrap your arms around a gigabyte of data."
Howard Maker, commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services

The non-profit group helps resolve disputes between consumers and telecom service providers.

Howard Maker, commissioner and CEO of the organization, said people have difficulty understanding how their data use is measured and telecoms are falling short on explaining the charges.

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The usual suspects

About 60 per cent of all complaints about telecom services — wireless, Internet, home phone and long-distance service — were about cellphone service, the same as last year.

- Bell Canada and Rogers topped the list of companies getting wireless complaints — Bell with 4,000 complaints, followed by Rogers with 3,800 and Rogers' Fido with nearly 1,000. Telus had 883, Bell's Virgin Mobile Canada had 776 and new player Wind Mobile had 635.

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Not an early Black Friday sale. Walmart says low prices on site due to glitch

Treadmills for $33? Computer monitors for $9? The deals are too good to be true — even at Walmart.

It turns out they're not.

Walmart says a "technical error" caused certain products to be priced absurdly low or high on its website Wednesday morning.

The company said late Wednesday that it had resolved the issue and Walmart.com is now operating normally. Walmart.com had intermittent problems with availability as the discounter was trying to fix the problem.

A spokesman said Walmart is notifying customers who ordered the odd-priced items that their orders have been cancelled and they'll be refunded in full. In addition, it will send customers a $10 e-gift card.

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Random biz fact of the day

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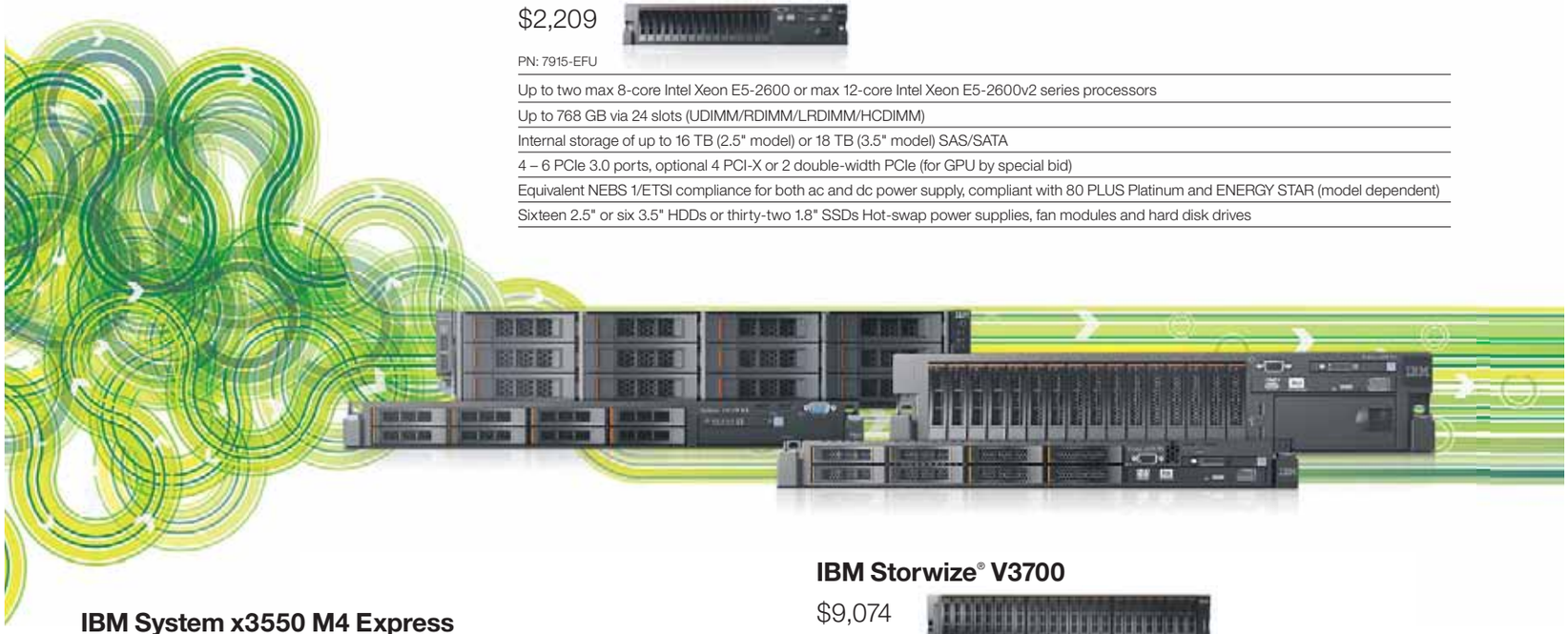

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Who's the boss?

Meet and grit: How to get ahead

You've likely heard the saying "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

While some might view temp work as just a way to make ends meet, it could be an opportunity to get a better job down the road.

Human resources expert Laurie Ruettimann told monsterworking.com that being a temporary employee might not land you a full-time gig with a certain company, but the people you connect with could open up future employment doors for you. METRO IN EDMONTON

Social security

A way to get your foot in the door

While the money isn't always great, the payoff can be "unbelievable," said a consultant at Supertemp in Halifax, who declined to be identified.

"You meet a lot of clients and companies you wouldn't have a foot in the door with otherwise," she said, adding that about 25 per cent of Supertemp's clients transition to full-time work. METRO IN HALIFAX

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Temp's Lack of Jeans Day Spirit Irks Co-workers

I walked into the office the next morning only to experience that sickening pang we all dread: jeans day — enforced perkiness among the girls, while the guys make theatrical, creepy, ass-gazing gropey faces in the lunchroom. No jeans for me.

My jacket wasn't even off when Sarah No. 3 stuffed a wad of documents covered with sticky notes into my hand. "I need these alphabetized like we did last week."

"Fine."

She stared at me.

"Is there a problem?" I asked.

"You know, it wouldn't have been so hard to throw on some jeans today."

"I'm not a very jeans-y person."

"Morale is really down around here and we need some fun."

"OK…"

"It's not even for us, Shannon. It's for the kids."

I gagged and then the phone rang: "Good morning. Taylor, Wagner & Kimura Filter Systems, a proud patriotic company since 1899. One moment, I'll connect you." Then the Danimal rolled up to the desk, winking like mad. "How was last night's, ummm … date?"

"Date? It wasn't a date. It was Mister McFunbury's for exactly 120 minutes."

"And what was Mr. Xu like?"

I wanted to keep my secret. "Nice enough. Limited English, though."

"Did he say anything about the company I should know about?"

Boy did he ever! "No. Mostly we just stared at the How I Met Your Mother reruns playing on the screen above the salad bar." A total lie. "I don't think he's very espionage-y."

"Oh." Danimal seemed let down.

Just then Kyle walked in with a delivery. "Hot and heavy at McFunbury's last night, huh?"

I was peeved. "What the —? It's none of your business, Kyle. And who told you?"

"I was driving back from the oil refinery. Saw you there with your date. Senior's Night, too—rocking!"

Jeans day — enforced perkiness among the girls, while the guys make theatrical, creepy, ass-gazing gropey faces in the lunchroom.

"The refinery? Why were you there?"

"I'm applying for a job."

"Oh." Kyle was acting as if he and I are somehow a real couple. At the same time, there I was getting surprisingly verklempt thinking of no more Kyle, with him working at that big gross refinery for the rest of his life.

Kyle said, "I'm sick of being a temp on wheels, and it's occurring to me that I'll never even be middle class let alone some big success story, and maybe I need to get my foot in the door at a place that is never going to go out of business — hence oil."

The phone rang; it was Xu. "Gotta take this, guys." I picked it up. "Good morning. Taylor, Wagner & Kimura Filter Systems, a proud patriotic company since 1899."

Kyle and the Danimal lumbered off.

I lowered my voice into the receiver. "Hey Shoeboy. How you doing?" TO BE CONTINUED...

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NOT GOING TO (C)RACK AND RUIN

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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Take a deep breath, everyone.

I'm not going to make a single crack-related pun, because as a front-line witness to this extraordinary week I think it would be in everybody's best interests if I made multiple crack-related puns.

I live in Toronto, and can't begin to explain how dreamlike it's been since police found the video of Mayor Rob Ford smoking cracky tabaccy.

It's one thing to see it from a distance and laugh, but when it's happening right in your city and — uh, hold on, the pro wrestler Iron Sheik just arrived at city hall to challenge Ford to a fight — as I'm writing this.

This will be my last column. I'm off to live in the woods.

Crack is wack: The last few days have been unreal even without professional wrestling; it's like I've been ingesting some intense, illegal narcotic that gives intense feelings of euphoria and disorientation. (EDS: Will be more specific when I think of one.)

As one example, Ford, again as I write this, is showing kids around city hall for Take Your Kids to Work Day. Meanwhile, one of the local news papers has published a lifestyle article, "How To Talk To Your Children About The Mayor."

I live in the Twilight Zone.

Ford is a surreal mayor to begin with. His successful platform of law, order and honesty from an average Joe is an awkward fit for a disorderly crack-smoking liar from a well-to-do family. He also says he's pro-car, but I'm starting to think the next round of court documents will show that whenever nobody's looking he hops on a bicycle.

At least half my conversations lately have been with friends from outside the city who ask: "So, uh… what's up with your mayor?" They ask in a curious but cautious tone, the way you might ask a friend about their upcoming sex change. "We love you no matter what, but could you explain it to me?"

Makes me wonder what it's like at home for people who support Ford. Do they get calls from out-of-province friends who say, "Saw your mayor smoking crack on the news. So jealous! Mine just flips burgers and cuts ribbons."

I used to try to explain Ford's appeal — the suburban support, the fiscal conservatives, but from now on I'm just going to say that 45 per cent of Torontonians adore crack. The city's just as liberal as you've heard, everyone! Pot, schmot. Let's legalize everything!

Besides, I'm not worried about our international reputation the way some people are. It's not like people aren't going to London, England, because of Mayor Boris, who from a distance sometimes seems like a Ford that drives on the left. And I don't think many people look at Jeffrey Dahmer and think, "Well, that's Wisconsin for you!"

I'm done worrying about Ford. As the mayor himself might say, we need to move forward, not crackward.

I say Toronto — and Canada — should embrace its crazy characters, the mayor included. Otherwise we might go insane. Or put another way, we laugh that we may not crack.

And … exhale.

ZOOM

Mudslinging? It's mud-singing!

DANIEL TRIM/REX FEATURES

Funny fish seem to be operatic

These wide-mouthed amphibious fish look like they are duetting in an audition for a singing talent show. Wildlife photographer Daniel Trim couldn't believe the strange display unfolding when he spent time watching a group of mudskippers (Oxudercinae).

He observed them pulling a range of funny poses as they languished in the mud at Krabi in Thailand.

"The two mudskippers became very aggressive and lined up side-by-side and postured making strange 'popping' and 'gurgling' noises before viciously attacking each other for several minutes. The loser did eventually retreat with only its pride in tatters," Trim said.

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Living the life

- These amphibious fish live in the Indo-Pacific region and the Atlantic coast of Africa. Many species of mudskipper spend 90 per cent of their time on land.
- These fish fill their gill chambers with water, creating an oxygen tank that allows them to breathe out of water.

Quoted

"This may look like two drunk friends singing their hearts out but this is a territorial display as one male ventures too close to another's burrow."

Daniel Trim, 26, wildlife photographer

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SCREEN GRAB

Learning to code and design websites doesn't have to be a difficult or expensive project at all. Start with these three resources, and you can get started tonight in your own home at zero cost.

W3 Schools:
The grandaddy of them all, W3 offers free tutorials in pretty much any development technique you'll need to know in a clean and easy format. An easy recommendation for somebody looking to learn. (w3schools.com)

Code Racer:
Gawd! Lessons and tutorials are just soooooo boring, though, right? How about a little gamification, instead? Swiftly code your way through a series of challenges to get ahead of the competition on the race tracks. Badges. Achievements. It's like Candy Crush, but worth your time. (coderace.me)

Mozilla Developer Network:
A massive wiki curated by devotees of an open web, you'll find a great mix of demos, tutorials and developer guides. Brush up on your skills here before challenging foes on the Code Racer track if you happen to be a sore loser. (developer.mozilla.org)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Canadians are known for politeness, hockey talents and Bryan Adams. Oh and a crack-smoking mayor. What do you think of our new reputation?

@serpentina66: At least now we can sit at the 'cool' table at the UN.

@MadonaW: People act like he's the only person in office that has done anything "bad" I say random drug tests for all politicians #whatnow

@Jihzay_: I bet a surprising amount of mayors smoke crack. Most just avoid video cameras.

@stopspanglish: Ahem, *Toronto* is known for having a crack-smoking mayor.

@Vokal_Apinyawns: @chelseahandler brought @TOMayorFord up on yesterday's show. I am concerned about our reputation. #RealPriorities

@livelifeinneon: only a matter of time before we had some scandal. Maybe now people will stop saying "Eh" to us all the time.

@SteveDodd: NO NO NO Toronto is known for its mayor. He doesn't represent Canada thank you.

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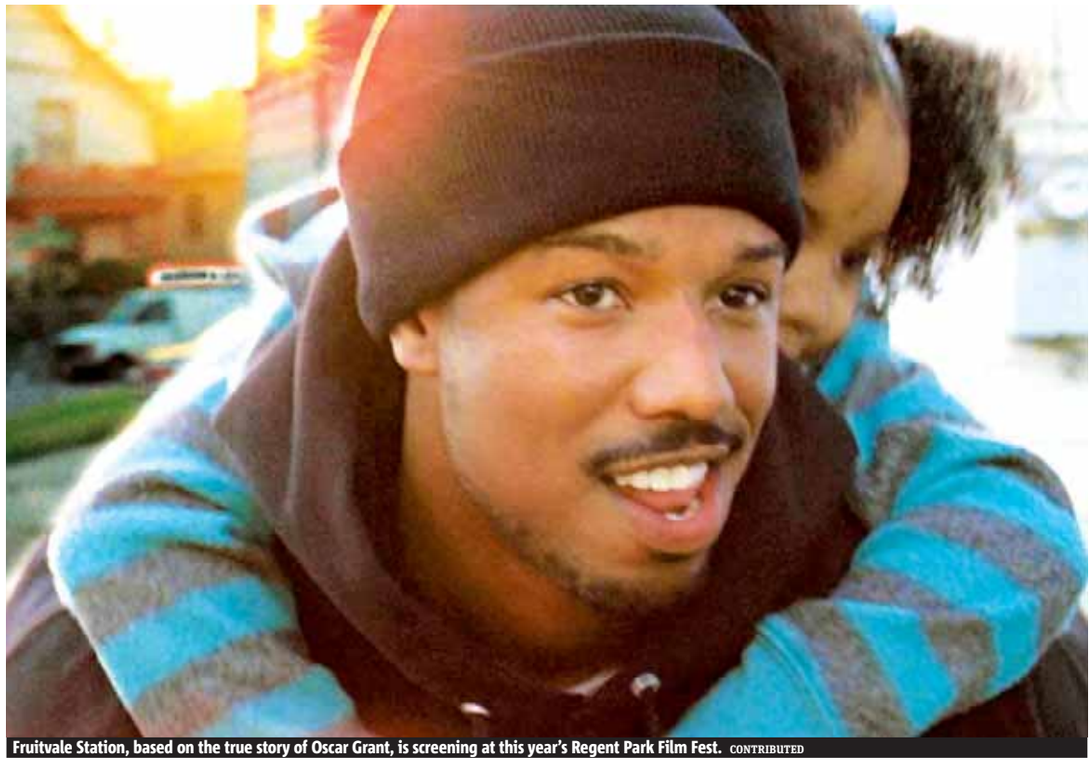

Fruitvale Station, based on the true story of Oscar Grant, is screening at this year's Regent Park Film Fest. CONTRIBUTED

Accessibility rather than exclusivity can be the defining feature of a film festival.

"When you go to the Toronto International Film Festival, there's a buzz in the air," says Regent Park Film Festival executive director Ananya Ohri.

"That sort of festival experience is important to anyone from any walk of life."

Inclusiveness has been the Regent Park Film Fest's M.O. since its inaugural edition in 2003. Free for attendees both from Canada's largest public housing community and across the GTA, even childcare is provided childcare for families.

But, says Ohri, the fest's greatest achievement is exposing community residents to new stories that wouldn't otherwise reach them.

"The visual medium is the most dominant medium of society," she says.

"These stories can offer new perspectives and offer people new possibilities for how to view the world."

She points to the Bengalese film Nobel Chor as an example; Bengalese immigrants are unlikely to see themselves reflected in films screening at the multiplex.

"When you see stories that resonate with you that reflect your experiences, it's affirming and it lets you see that you're part of a community," says Ohri.

"It brings new ideas, it brings new perspectives and new opportunities for people to connect.

As a social justice minded organization it's easy for festival programmers to get bogged down in dark documentaries. But over the years they've realized that education and relaxation don't have to be mutually exclusive qualities. "Coming together to watch something can be a really meaningful thing in community building," says Ohri.

"Regent Park offers all of Toronto a really new way to enjoy films and film festivals."

Regent Park Film Festival runs Nov 12 – 16 at the Daniels Spectrum (585 Dundas St. E.) Check out regentparkfilmfestival.com for full schedule.

Community stories

RPFF screens a number of films from outside Canada. But it's also dedicated to showing films made by and about residents of Regent Park

- **The Inspired Souls.** A short documentary about a community music program. Director Richard Fung grew up in Regent Park.
- **Ride or Die D.** Participants from Youth United in Visionary Action write, act and direct this short about gang violence and drug use.
- **Alias.** This doc about kids using music to escape the violence of their Toronto neighbourhoods features several Regent Park MCs.
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Sex, love and the age of a dynasty's overthrow

Books. Amy Tan's new novel explores the mother-daughter relationship in the context of a courtesan

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro World News in New York

It all started with a single photo. Amy Tan was flipping through an old family photo album when she came across a picture of her grandmother she hadn't noticed before. "She was wearing a tight jacket, pants and a headband," Tan remembers. Having read a book about Shanghai in the early 1900s, Tan recognized the garb as the uniform for courtesans, prostitutes with high-society clients. "Of course I was taken back by what this meant about my grandmother and I became very obsessed with the notion that she might have been a courtesan," Tan says.

The book is not based on Tan's grandmother, but it did set the stage for her latest novel, The Valley of Amazement, a story about an American woman and her daughter, who becomes a courtesan during the overthrow of the Ching dynasty.

Similar to Tan's book, The Joy Luck Club, the mother-daughter relationship is a strong theme in her new novel. In the book, the mother betrays her daughter, Violet, by leaving her behind. This abandonment leaves her mark on Violet, who thirsts for an enduring type of love and is not able to fully forgive her mother. "I know what (this feels like) because it happened to my sisters," Tan says. "They were left behind from my mother when she came to the U.S., and although they longed for her and loved her, they never quite forgave her."

Violet's coming of age story is made more complicated when she discovers that she's half-American and half-Chinese. The book takes place in the international settlement in Shanghai, which is where wealthy Westerners were housed. "During this time period, Chinese people were invisible. Nobody would ever consider making friends with a Chinese person," Tan says. For Violet to learn she is bi-racial alienates her from both American privilege and Chinese community. For this part of the story, Tan again was inspired by her ancestors.

"Both on my mother's side and my father's side there were family members who engaged with English-speaking translators," she says.

The Valley of Amazement is Tan's raciest book yet — she had never written a sex scene until penning this book. "I avoided including it, but my editor told me, 'This takes place in a courtesan house. You have to have sex.' Tan put a lot of research into her sex scene, scouring academic books about courtesan houses during this time period.

"Wives actually used to visit courtesan houses and pay money to learn what courtesans did with their husbands, so you knew something special was happening there," she says.

Practice makes perfect

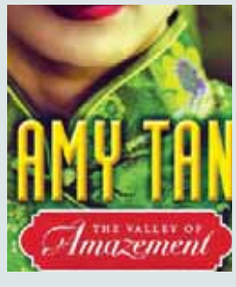
"Wives actually used to visit courtesan houses and pay money to learn what courtesans did with their husbands."

Amy Tan on courtesan houses in China

Amy Tam tries her pen at her first sex scene in The Valley of Amazement. GETTY IMAGES

What's love got to do with it?

More than about sex, family or self-identity, The Valley of Amazement is about betrayal and the age-old question of if love can really conquer all. "Enduring love can come from a mother, lover, husband, or child, but it's about the search for that type of love and what it means," says Tan.



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It's tough being funny in 140 characters or less

Rob Delaney. Having just released a book, comedian reflects on trying to be funny on multiple platforms

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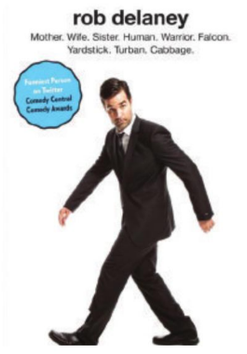
Rob Delaney has Twitter to thank for his success. CONTRIBUTED

Rob Delaney is pretty famous. But he didn't get there by following the career trajectory that most successful working comedians had to take. Delaney became famous through his Twitter account, where you can find the 36-year-old doling out sharply witty jokes and morsels of irreverent, ironic social commentary in 140 characters or less. Delaney is capable of being funny in long-form as well, however, as is evidenced by his just released book: Mother. Wife. Sister. Human. Warrior. Falcon. Yardstick. Turban. Cabbage. The book is part memoir, part rambling musings, and all funny. We got Delaney on the line to talk about the weird world of Twitter and the pains of standup.

Do you feel a lot of pressure to be funny every time you tweet?
I mean, I like to be funny, but I wouldn't probably call it pressure because — wait, let me rephrase that. Yes, I do feel pressure to be funny, which I enjoy, because I like pressure. You know, I'm one of those people that enjoy deadlines. I enjoy 140-character constraints. I enjoy going onto the stage in front of hostile people. I am damaged or tanked in whatever way makes me want to do those things. For better or for worse.

Well, as far as audiences go, the Twitter audience — or the Internet audience in general — is just about as hostile as it gets. How have you inured yourself to any haters on Twitter?
I've developed thick skin. I like to think about it as a positive. Nobody wants to have people say bad things about them, but it's a good idea to get desensitized to it if you want to have a career in the public. Because there is a measure of truth to the fact,well, that it's indicative of you having some success, you know? Obviously there are people who receive criticism where it's warranted — I can say with confidence that sometimes I deserve criticism that I get. I just try to not stress about it. It's just good that you're able to roll with it. And it helps you onstage too.



How does writing for the Internet, writing for standup and writing a book differ from each other— how do you wear all those hats?
Well, Twitter is very offhand. Whatever turd is rolling through your mind. I put no thought or prep into Twitter. For standup I work painstakingly over months and years to create stories and anecdotes and moods and presentation, Writing for the Internet, if it's Twitter, it's just bon mots of political and pop culture observations. And onstage, I mean I'm really working to create a visceral experience for the audience that demands that they stare at it and listen intently, forces them to laugh. It's physical, and a much stronger connection.

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Rob Delaney on using Twitter for comedy

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Blue is the Warmest Color and love is the wildest ride

Abdellatif Kechiche's Blue is the Warmest Color opens Friday. CONTRIBUTED

A lot has happened since director Abdellatif Kechiche's Blue is the Warmest Color premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May. The epic relationship drama won the Palme d'Or, but in its wake its two actresses — Adele Exarchopoulos and Lea Seydoux, who play lovers whose relationship is viewed in full — have spoken out about the difficulties making the film and about being pushed. Seydoux has even separated herself from Kechiche, saying she'll never work with him again. Since this interview, Kechiche wrote an op-ed slamming Seydoux and others he felt were trying to destroy his film. In person, though, he's calm, delivering his answers slowly, politely and with great care.

What drew you to make a film that looked at a couple that was homosexual?
I was hoping we would be able to get beyond the fact that it was two women. And while I was shooting the movie and creating the movie, as it went along, I forgot I was dealing with two women.

It's the rare portrait of a couple that shows them moving from falling in love to falling out of it.
Part of what I wanted to work with is (a relationship) that starts off with a strong carnal passion and with time cools down. But I think that's something that happens with everybody. It's not easy to accept. I think for two people to continue to have a relationship that resonates, you have to find and have other reasons that keep you together. I think when there's a breakup, it's because one of them wasn't able to transcend the physical relationship and go further. Here, I think it's the different social milieus that come to the fore that ultimately cause the breakup. They couldn't find a common ground. Their aspirations were different.

How did you work with your actors to get them deeply ingrained in their characters?
I like to try things and push them to extremes. Sometimes with the interpretation of the role, there's a resistance. Sometimes time just breaks that down.

MATT PRIGGE/MWN

Laying bare the filming of Blue

Adele Exarchopoulos. Actress talks about being angry, naked and vulnerable, and working with a difficult director

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

In addition to winning the Palme d'Or at Cannes this year, the epic relationship saga Blue is the Warmest Color netted a special award for its two lead actresses: Lea Seydoux and Adele Exarchopoulos, who play passionate-then-domesticated lovers. Seydoux is already a star in France, but Exarchopoulos is poised to become the next "It" girl — and she's still a teenager.

You shot for five months. Did you have any idea what the film would look like?
No. We did so much improvisation because (director Abdellatif Kechiche) wants to capture your soul and really doesn't want to see you act. He didn't even realize we did so many takes and shots. Three weeks before the end of the shoot he didn't even know the end — if I was going to kill myself or die or get depressed and take (pills). We shot a scene where I take (pills), but then Abdel said he didn't want to see her die.

Is Adele Exarchopoulos the next 'It' Girl? Some seem to think so. CONTRIBUTED

What were some major scenes you shot that weren't in the theatrical cut?
There was a scene where my family discovers we're sleeping together. My mother discovers Emma naked in the kitchen, drinking milk. She comes into my room, takes the cover off me and sees me naked. She starts yelling, acting hysterical. She wakes up my father. It was this big scene where we were naked and vulnerable and yelling. To be angry while naked — that was weird.

Are there more scenes of Adele and Emma fighting? The relationship as seen is relatively calm, with only one big drag-out fight.
Yeah. It was really, really intense. There's this fight, and then another fight. It was a little more complicated between the two of us in the beginning, because the girl Emma is with was supposed to be a big problem. We shot a lot. With the footage he shot he could make three movies. However he cut it we would have been surprised. But I love the way it turned out. I think it's really intelligent.

The relationship spans seven years. You're still 19 in real life. What was it like playing older?
It was hard to play the teacher, because it's hard to find your place in front of 25 children who are so natural and spontaneous. You have to be authoritative.

How did you and Seydoux find your chemistry?
I didn't know her. I think that helped. It was two people meeting. And it was kind of a crush — a friendship crush. We became really close and we had this complicity. She was like my sister on the shoot, and she always will be, I think.

Were there any issues with a male director making a film about young lesbians?
No, because it isn't a homosexual movie. Never on the shoot did we use the word "lesbian" — not because it was taboo, but because it was a simple love story. We want people to forget it's about two women, because it could happen to anyone. It's about how people change your life. We all want this to happen to us once.

There's been a lot of talk in the press about Kechiche being hard to work with. How much of that is overstated?
It was hard, but it's also hard to make people understand an adventure like this. It's so human and so personal.

Do you regret saying in interviews that Kechiche was difficult?
No, because we said what we said. But they just pick up the negative things. Yeah, it was really hard to shoot this movie. But it was the best school I've ever had. And you remember more when it's hard. Abdel would ask a lot of you but he would give a lot, too. Sometimes he's hard to follow. He'd do many takes because he loves to work when you're really tired. He wants to capture your deepest feelings. For me, he's the best director in France.

Welcome to white-washed Hollywood

Racial issues. African-American actors and filmmakers have had a landmark year, but they remain under-represented on the big screen

There's plenty of speculation 12 Years a Slave will win best picture at the Oscars this year. CONTRIBUTED

Oprah Winfrey has heard this story before.

A wave of high-profile films about black people receives accolades. A heart-warming trend of greater on-screen equality is declared. Hollywood basks in its multiculturalism — and then returns to business as usual.

From the slavery odyssey 12 Years a Slave to the day-in-a-life drama Fruitvale Station, this fall has been a banner season for films of racial struggle told without white protagonists and largely by black directors. As one of the stars of the Civil Rights history Lee Daniels' The Butler, Winfrey is a proud player in a rare moment for African-Americans at the movies.

But she and many others have tired of celebrating occasional aberrations of what should be Hollywood's regular output.

"We've been through this before," says Winfrey. "I don't want it to be, 'Oh, gee, we had the 10 films and now it's another five years before you see another one."'

2013 is a historical high-point for black-themed films, a culmination of Obama-era cinema. But the filmmakers and actors who made this confluence happen are resolutely against being resigned to a mere trend story, soon to be followed by another lull in diversity.

Spike Lee, whose near-annual turnout has been a steady line through the undulations of the industry, disdains black filmmakers being treated like "flavours of the year."

"Every 10 years, we have the same conversation: 'Oh, there's lots of black films being made,"' says Lee, who will release his revenge remake Oldboy later this month. "Then it drops off. It's not consistent."

Opening Nov. 29 is Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, a sweeping biopic of the South African leader starring Idris Elba. It joins a group of films that began with the Jackie Robinson drama 42 and runs through to the Langston Hughes adaptation Black Nativity, out Nov. 27.

If 12 Years a Slave, starring the British actor Chiwetel Ejiofor as Northup, goes on to win the best picture Oscar (a prediction of many — though certainly not all — Academy Awards onlookers), it would be the first best picture winner directed by a black filmmaker.

The best actor category, too, is full of black contenders, including Ejiofor, Whitaker, Elba and Jordan. The Oscars (which Chris Rock once called a "million white man march") have increasingly served as celebratory breakthroughs in Hollywood's racial ceiling. For 2001, two black actors won the top acting prizes for the first time: Denzel Washington (Training Day) and Halle Berry (Monster's Ball). Dual wins for Morgan Freeman (Million Dollar Baby) and Jamie Foxx (Ray) followed for 2004, as did the combination of Whitaker (The Last King of Scotland) and Jennifer Hudson (Dreamgirls) for 2006.

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By the numbers

Last week, a USC Annenberg study supplied a reminder of Hollywood realities. The school analyzed the 500 top-grossing films at the U.S. box office in recent years. Last year, African-Americans represented 10.8 per cent of all speaking characters. (Hispanics at 4.2 per cent and Asians at 5 per cent fared even worse). Between 2007 and 2012, the 565 directors of the top 500 films included only 33 black filmmakers, and just two of them were black women.

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The website of Brazil's biggest news outlet published photos Wednesday it says show pop star Justin Bieber spray painting graffiti on a wall. And it adds that police want to question him about it. The O Globo newspaper reported that photographers snapped photos of Bieber as he painted graffiti on a wall of the former Hotel Nacional in Rio de Janeiro Tuesday morning. Defacing buildings is a crime in Brazil punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine. O Globo said police went to the mansion Bieber rented in Rio to question him, but he was not there. Phone calls and emails to the police department for more details went unanswered. Calls and emails to Bieber representatives Melissa Victor, Nick Styne and Aaron Rosenberg were not returned. In the Colombian capital of Bogota, where he performed last week, Bieber upset authorities when he spray-painted graffiti on a wall along one of the capital city's main avenues while being escorted by officers in a police car. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Is Will Smith stepping out with co-star Margot Robbie?

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Will Smith reportedly had a steamy romp in a photo booth at a party with Focus co-star Margot Robbie, which may spell trouble for his allegedly shaky marriage to Jada Pinkett Smith, according to Star magazine. At the pre-Halloween bash in New Orleans, sources say Smith and Robbie slipped into the photo booth to pose for some snaps commemorating the night. "Once they pulled the curtain back to take the pictures, they let their inhibitions run wild, laughing, hugging and nuzzling each other in the dark," the source says. "He wasn't acting like a married man. He gave no signs that he was in a committed relationship." Smith and Robbie didn't stick around to collect the photos, though, as Smith's assistant snapped them up once they were printed. "After they left the party, they were gone all night," the source says. Apparently, Jada and Will Smith are living separate lives; they haven't appeared in public together since August. Smith has been in New Orleans for work since mid-September while Pinkett Smith has reportedly moved out of the family's home and is living with her brother, Caleb, in Calabasas, Calif. Is it bad that I'm OK with Will and Jada breaking up? They made it 15 years — that is several lifetimes for a union in Hollywood. What more do we want from them?

Abigail Breslin

Sun sets on Miss Breslin's innocent youth

Little Miss Sunshine star Abigail Breslin is apparently all grown up at 17 years old — at least grown up enough to have a 25-year-old boyfriend. Breslin has reportedly "just started dating" All Time Low singer Jack Barakat, according to E! News. Breslin and Barakat were photographed together at the premiere for her latest film, Ender's Game, and he "visited her on the set of her new movie." Her rep had no comment.

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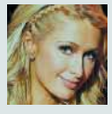

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Tour de frock. From CD-Rom veils to re-purposed vintage gowns, Kanye West is determined to make fashion news, one way or another

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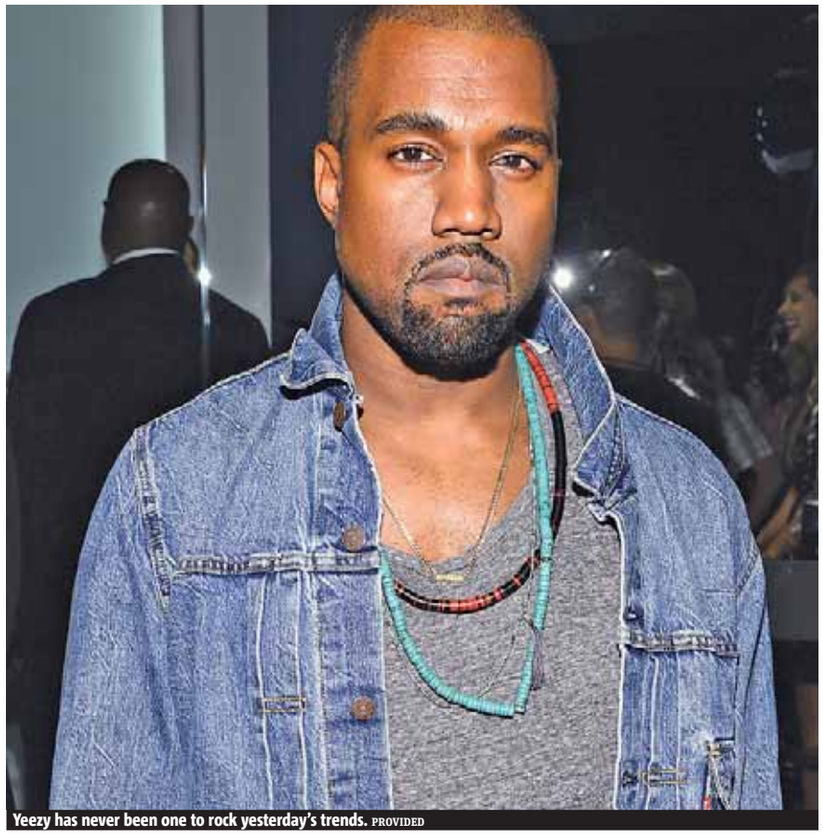
Yeezy has never been one to rock yesterday's trends. PROVIDED

It's been a big month for Kanye West. First, he puts a 15-carat rock on the finger of that small-time fiancée of his, Kim Kardashian. Next, he gets a giant wardrobe delivery courtesy of Maison Martin Margiela.

The French fashion house that has forever been shrouded in mystery has provided the singer with all of the outfits for his coming Yeezus tour. The extensive custom-made collection consists of 20 ready-to-wear pieces, 10 couture pieces, and a rumoured "exclusive" pair of trainers — we're intrigued.

The tour — the rapper's first solo concert trail in five years, which is taking him around North America — has unsurprisingly already garnered much music media attention. Heck, it even has its own Wikipedia page. But now, with the news of Margiela's involvement, it's caught the eye of the fashion world, too. We spoke to Margiela's team who answered the questions we were dying to know — except for the big one: will Margiela have any involvement in the wedding? For now, that one remains a mystery.

How involved has Kanye been in designing the collection?
The collection is a re-work of Maison Martin Margiela's haute couture archive pieces. They have been chosen both by Kanye and the Maison. The Maison then researched new fabrics and volumes to reinterpret the pieces and match contemporary artist Vanessa Beecroft's scenography.

Can you guide us through some of the key pieces?
An elongated embroidered bomber jacket was remade from a 1900s lady's dress; a coat was made out of military blankets; and military jackets were assembled together to create an oversized cape. As for the veils, some have been re-interpreted from our archives, while others were created specially for the Yeezus tour. Four different veils complete the set—one is composed of marble pieces and another one is made from CD-ROMs. All are embroidered on a silk chiffon base.

How long has it taken to pull the outfits together?
It took approximately five weeks from the first piece of research to the final fittings.

Are celebrity relations and outfits a direction Margiela is looking to take?
The Maison still has a very discreet policy in terms of celebrity dressing but we always choose to work with people we feel close to.

Will any of the pieces from the tour retail?
None of these pieces will be sold. Similar sneakers can be found in store as they are Margiela classics but this pair were reproduced in special colours for the Yeezus tour.

Selective style

"The Maison still has a very discreet policy in terms of celebrity dressing but we always choose to work with people we feel close to."
Maison Martin Margiela team

Wanted. Maloles loafer

When you think of tortoiseshell you probably only associate it with eyewear. And rightly so, because it's rarely used outside of that narrow confine. That's why these Maloles loafers are Wanted-worthy — they take an underused material and make use of its full potential.

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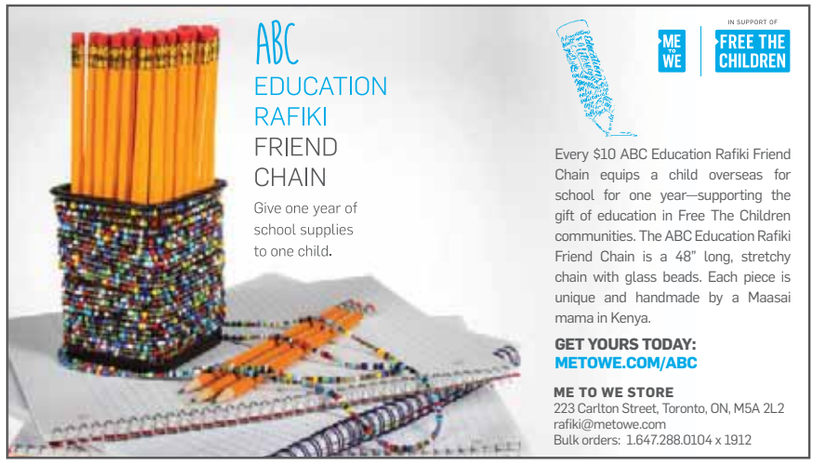
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Jacobs left his Marc. Louis Vuitton appoints new artistic director

Marc Jacobs left Louis Vuitton to focus on his own label after a 16-year partnership.

Louis Vuitton has named Nicolas Ghesquiere as its new artistic director, replacing the outgoing Marc Jacobs with the designer best known for his ties to the Balenciaga fashion house.

Louis Vuitton announced the appointment on its official Twitter account with a black-and-white photo of Ghesquiere. Jacobs parted ways with Louis Vuitton in September, although his namesake brand still falls under the LVMH umbrella. His replacement has been the subject of intense interest, both among investors for LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton and in the fashion world.

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Trends Report

- Socks are often thought of as a necessity, rather than a fashion accessory for men. But Jared March, founder of Socking Behaviour, wants to convince men to give more personality to their feet with stylish socks. Go online to Trends Report to get some style tips from Jared and to learn more about Socking Behaviour.

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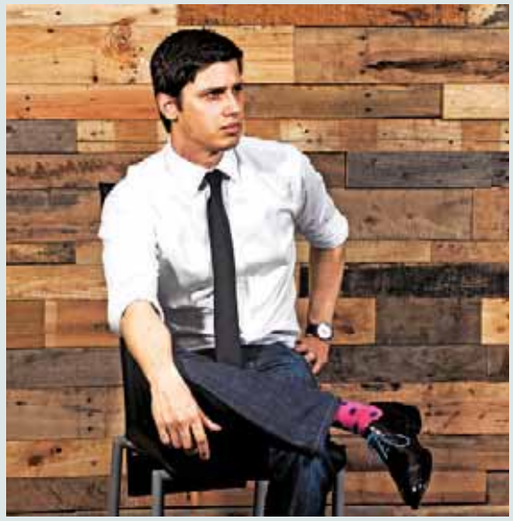

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The recipe makes about 1 cup of glaze, but you won't need all of it. The extra can be covered and refrigerated for several weeks. It is delicious over pancakes, waffles, French toast or ice cream. It also is great used on chicken, turkey and pork.

1. Glaze: In small, heavy-bottomed saucepan over low heat, combine maple syrup, cider and sugar. Stir to dissolve sugar, then add the cinnamon stick, star anise and cloves. Bring to a simmer and cook until reduced by about a quarter. Stir in 1 teaspoon of the soy sauce. Taste and adjust with more, if desired. Let cool to room temperature, then remove the spices.

2. Heat grill to medium-low.

3. With apple corer, cut out cores and seeds from apples, leaving apples otherwise whole. Setting the apples on their sides, cut each into 1/2-inch-thick rings. Brush both sides of each apple ring with oil.

Ingredients

Glaze:
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 whole star anise
- 1/8 tsp ground cloves
- 1 to 2 tsp soy sauce (optional)

- 2 large tart apples, such as Granny Smith
- Vegetable oil

4. When the grill is ready, place the apple rings on the grill grates and cook with the grill covered for 2 minutes per side, or until they have deep grill marks on both sides. Brush the tops of the apple rings with glaze, then cook for another 2 minutes. Turn over, brush with more glaze, then grill for another 2 minutes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**

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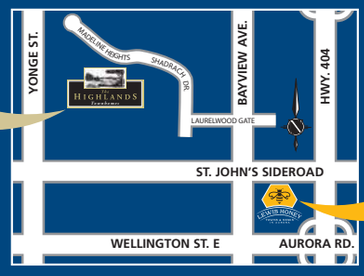

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Sale prices, skyscrapers and hot 'hoods: An agent-blogger's view of the market

Downtown condos.
The man behind the True Condos site tells Metro which areas have a very bright future

CONDO TRENDS
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Agent extraordinaire and condo blogger Andrew la Fleur gives Metro his take on the latest trends in the downtown Toronto condo market. La Fleur, a sales representative with Re/Max Condos Plus, runs the popular True Condos website, truecondos.com.

Have Toronto condo values come down in the past year?
No, I wouldn't say that. In fact, the latest numbers that came out about two weeks ago showed that the average price is up significantly for condos, about 10 per cent. That was just for two weeks, so take that number with a grain of salt. But I would say in reality, what's happening on the street (is that) prices have been fairly level in the past year. Prices have not really gone up. It's certainly nowhere near the historic highs of 2007 and 2011.

Is there a big difference between resale and pre-construction sales at the moment?
The pre-construction market, it turned out to be a better year than we thought it was going to be. There have been far fewer new projects that have launched, and the projects that have launched have done quite well overall. The buyers are out there; people do want to buy. They're just more value-conscious than ever.

A rendering of the One York Street complex in the South Core Financial District. According to agent Andrew la Fleur, the area is going to be very hot in the next five years. CONTRIBUTED

Is the city doing enough to keep up with this density, in terms of infrastructure and transit?
I don't think the city is doing enough in any respect, and people realize that. It's one of the reasons why the condo market is so strong. People have no faith in anything changing anytime soon, so unless we want to commute two hours a day for the rest of our lives, we've got to move downtown.

Skyscraper city

"If you look at Toronto as it exists right now, there are very few residential buildings over 50 storeys. But five years from now there will be probably 10 or 12 completed buildings added to that landscape." Agent and blogger Andrew la Fleur

This file photo shows the beginning of construction last year on the West Don Lands, another area that Andrew la Fleur says has a very bright future. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

Is Toronto becoming a city of skyscraper condos?
Certainly that has been a trend over the last year. If you look at Toronto as it exists right now, there are very few residential buildings over 50 storeys. But five years from now there will be probably 10 or 12 completed buildings added to that landscape.

What's the hot new area, the next big condo neighbourhood?
The waterfront and the east side is certainly where the most attention is going right now. Starting from the South Core neighbourhood right to the East Bayfront area, that's going to be a very hot area in the next five years. And then you're talking about West Don Lands and Regent Park, two areas where again, I think the future is very bright. You've got hundreds of millions of dollars being poured into those areas.

Shopping for a mortgage? Rates aren't the only thing you need to ask about

Financial planning. First-time buyers should inquire about penalties for breaking the term, and know the impact of unsecured debts

Historically low mortgage rates are encouraging more people to enter the real estate market. While rates are important when it comes to buying a home, there are more questions first-time home buyers need to ask before they purchase.

The easiest thing to compare when shopping for a first mortgage is rates, but Ryan Mckinley, Vancity mortgage development manager, said they aren't the most important thing.

"Depending on how often people move or change jobs, you're not necessarily going to be in that mortgage for the entire term," said Mckinley. "While it seems like you are getting the best deal for you, you need to ask what the penalty will be if you break that term."

According to Mckinley, there are two standard penalties that are charged: A three-month interest penalty, which is fairly straightforward, as well as an interest rate differential. The penalties can be applied in different ways and by using different numbers.

Even though many homeowners may feel as if they will just be giving money to the bank, Mckinley said it's important to ask about the whole package, which could include profit-sharing options at credit unions.

A common mistake first-time home buyers make when they head into the market is being unaware of the impact of their unsecured debts, like car loans and leases.

"It's really interesting because you see the car commercials and they say $350 a month over a five-year period. It seems affordable, but you are using the same money that you need to qualify for a mortgage," said Mckinley.

"For example, if you're making $70,000 a year and you don't have many other unsecured debts you can afford about a $350,000 mortgage. If you then take on a $500-a-month car loan or car lease payment, the $350,000 you could have been approved for before has now reduced to $250,000."

Having a full picture of what you can afford compared to what you qualify for is important before a first-time homeowner pens the deal on a new home.

Mckinley said the fear of being mortgage poor can be avoided by doing some simple budgeting and planning before you purchase.

"When you sit down with the professional you're working with, calculate what the total cost is going to be, which could include your new mortgage, strata fees, property taxes and anything else you aren't paying now," he said.

"Find out what that total number is and compare that to the rent you may be paying now. Take that difference and start an automatic payment each month coming from your account that goes into a savings account so you can live with it each month to see what it is like to have those payments and see if it is comfortable.

"That does two things: Allowing you to know what it is like and creating a cushion for moving expenses."

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Unsecured debts

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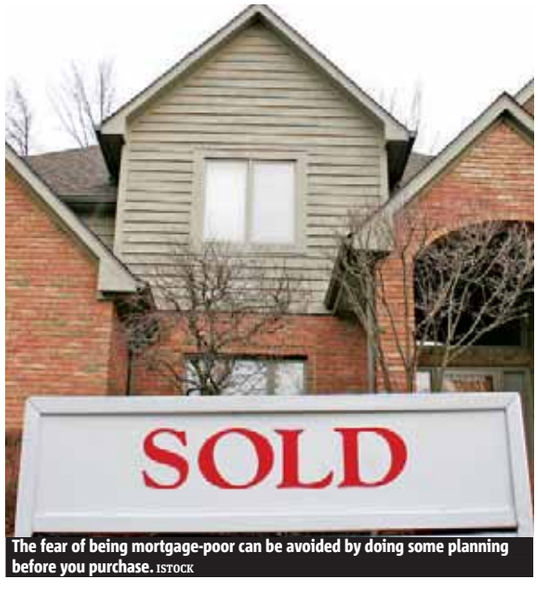

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A boost from the bank of mom and dad

Gift letters. A Toronto mortgage broker says 75% of his younger clients are armed with cash from their parents

Toronto mortgage broker Jake Abramowicz sees so many first-time homebuyers armed with major money from mom and dad, he actually has a little pep talk for those going it on their own.

"I tell them: You guys are really doing something special. It's really hard to pay rent in Toronto, pay off student loans and save money for a down payment for a home. You should be very proud of yourself."

For almost a decade now, Abramowicz has specialized in helping first-time buyers get mortgages. During that time he's seen house prices soar, lending rules tighten and more buyers — now at least 75 per cent of his younger clients — armed with "gift letters" or tens of thousands of dollars from their baby boomer parents.

"How else do you think someone in their 30s can afford a Leslieville semi?," asks Abramowicz, 36.

"I see deals where parents are contributing $50,000, $100,000, $400,000. The mom of one of my best friends sold her farm for $2.5 million and gave him $450,000. He bought a condo in Liberty Village for cash.

"He works very hard and he knows he's extremely fortunate."

Helping out the kids is hardly new. Nor are gift letters — the disclosure documents parents sign as part of the mortgage approval process that details their contribution to their kids.

But the amounts being signed over have reached staggering heights in the GTA where skyrocketing house prices have made baby boomers richer than they could have ever imagined, while leaving their kids struggling to get a toehold in a market that continues to climb into the stratosphere.

Abramowicz finds that most parents come to the table later in the game, after they've watched their kids struggle to pull together as much as they can on their own. Seldom do the adult children he deals with ask for help, he finds.

Reality check

"How else do you think someone in their 30s can afford a Leslieville semi?"

Toronto mortgage broker Jake Abramowicz

Often, parents are keen to contribute enough so their kids can get to 20 per cent of the purchase price and avoid having to get pricey mortgage insurance from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp.

CIBC economist Benjamin Tal believes that backstopping by mom and dad, coupled with low interest rates, has kept the first-time buying market far more buoyant than many experts had expected in the wake of the tougher mortgage lending rules imposed by Ottawa over the last four years.

He's been aiming to study the issue for a year now, but says it's very hard to determine how much help is being given, and in what form, because there is almost no research on the subject and most young buyers are too proud to talk about it openly.

Some observers say that major downpayment contributions from mom and dad have helped keep the first-time buying market far more buoyant than was expected in the wake of Ottawa's tougher mortgage-lending rules. ISTOCK

"The (housing) market would have been much weaker if we didn't have this phenomenon. There's no question about that," says Tal, deputy chief economist of CIBC World Markets.

"I'd say this generation is getting more help than any other generation did, but I'd say they need this help more than any generation, too."

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What's the impact on the market?

- Demographer Andrew Ramlo, executive director of the Vancouver-based research organization Urban Futures, believes the cash flowing from boomers to their largely condo-buying kids could become every bit as critical to the health of the housing market — but just as impossible to quantify — as investments by foreign buyers who've been blamed for driving up house prices in Vancouver and Toronto.
- "It's something I really wish we had more data on because I suspect it's had a very significant impact, especially on major urban housing markets, and will be with us for the next 10 to 20 years," says Ramlo.

buyers has been coming up with sizable downpayments when the average price of a home in the GTA is now more than $534,000 — more than $850,000 for a detached in the city of Toronto — almost double the $293,000 they averaged just a decade ago.

Saving can be especially tough when many first-time buyers are still paying off student loans and dealing with rents that can run from $1,100 to more than $2,000 a month.

Amy Tang, 36, was able to squirrel away enough of a downpayment for a $360,000 condo at Bloor and Jarvis, largely because of an inheritance from her grandfather and the fact she bought the 600-square-foot one-bedroom unit in the preconstruction phase, giving her almost four years to chip away at the downpayment.

But a surprise, last-minute $100,000 donation from her dad made all the difference, especially because she was changing jobs right as she was negotiating her mortgage with her bank.

"It was quite a lot on my own," says Tang. "I don't know how people do it without some help."

Toronto realtor Andrew la Fleur says he doesn't see gift letters as much as "gift condos" — parents looking to give their kids a foot in the market by buying them a condo.

He's just started working with one suburban family who are looking to buy preconstruction condos in Toronto's burgeoning West Don Lands area for their 32- and 34-year-old children, as well as a downsizing unit for themselves, all in the same project.

"It's not like (the adult children) are living in their parents' basement. They have jobs and are making lives for themselves. But the parents are looking at these condos as investments — they want to get into the market and they're thinking it's a way, at the same time, to help their kids get into a real estate market that's very expensive."

Tal cautions that baby boomer parents may find it increasingly hard to help out their kids to the extent that may be needed as house prices continue to rise.

While the biggest transference of wealth in history is likely to happen as boomers reach the end of their lives — billions from the combined wealth handed down by their frugal, wartime parents and the money they've amassed on real estate — that could be decades off, says Tal.

"Although many parents can help, they cannot help at a rate that is keeping up with the rate of increases in house prices." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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On The Go Mimico is being developed by Stanton Renaissance. The company's guiding philosophy is to create expertly designed residences with functional living space, constructed without compromise. Stanton Renaissance believes that condominiums should be visually appealing, in harmony with their surroundings and incorporate high tech, environmental and clean elements.

The condominium features 242 suites from 537 sq. ft. to 2,700 sq. ft. including two levels of 11-foot high ceiling penthouses. The Presentation Centre is an old CN Rail station, refurbished by Stanton Renaissance, located in Mimico Coronation Park off Royal York Road.

Visit www.onthegomimico.com or call 647-692-8417 for more information or to register

Industry panel

Talking transit

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

Last week, BILD and OHBA welcomed Ontario's Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Glen Murray to participate in an interactive panel discussion about transit and transportation.

More than 200 industry professionals and government partners attended the discussion, which revolved around our collaborative efforts to build complete communities and aligning the principles of the provincial Growth Plan with the goals of the regional transportation plan.

As the minister put it, "regulation has to be replaced by co-operation."

With as many as 100,000 people coming to the GTA every year, we have to have infrastructure in place. Our industry believes the plans should always be tied to the Metrolinx regional plan, also known as the Big Move, and it's imperative that we proceed with a plan today. Our members are experts in execution, but the industry's contribution to the funding of the plan must be part of a fair and equitable strategy. Earlier this year, BILD and OHBA submitted a list of 15 recommendations for consideration.

When we discovered that the shortlist of funding tools included HST and development charges, BILD was quick to point out that such a strategy may further decrease the affordability of new homes in the GTA — by as much as $10,000 per home.

New home purchasers are already doing their fair share when it comes to funding new, growth-related infrastructure. In fact, municipalities across the GTA collected about $1 billion in development charges from new home buyers in 2012 alone.

As I've mentioned in some of my previous columns, the investment strategy should not target a specific group. Both existing and new residents will benefit from faster, more reliable service, and it's unfair to expect new home buyers to foot the bill.

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A bird's-eye view over High Park

A rendering of the 10th floor outdoor terrace at HighPark Condominiums. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** HighPark Condominiums
- **Location.** Bloor Street West near High Park Avenue
- **Builder.** The Daniels Corporation and WJ Properties
- **Architect.** Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc.
- **Sizes.** Suites from 320 to 1,645 square feet, towns 1,322 to 1,580 square feet.
- **Pricing.** Suites from the $300,000s, urban towns from $815,900
- **Building.** 14 storeys with 12 street-level urban towns
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- **Phone.** 416-351-1844
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The project overview

The Daniels Corporation has introduced a unique, mid-rise condominium located at a prime Toronto address. Already under construction, HighPark Condominiums will offer distinctive architecture and excellent amenities located directly across from the park.

Location and transit

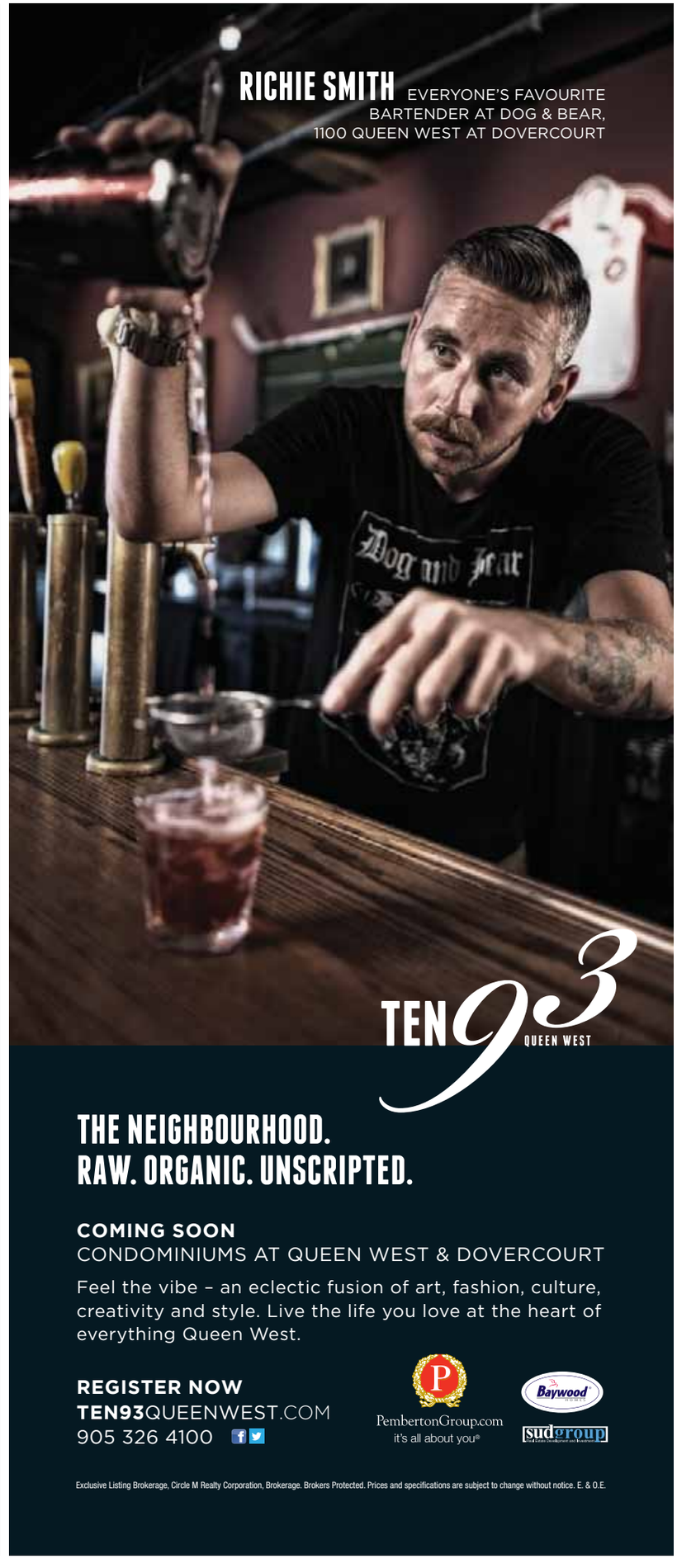
HighPark Condominiums is across from the 400-acre High Park, on the north side of Bloor Street West. Residents can choose between the nearby High Park and Keele TTC subway stations. A quick jaunt down Parkside Drive gets you quickly to the Gardiner Expressway.

In the neighbourhood

High Park is the city's largest public park, with wild forests, hiking trails along Grenadier Pond, an off-leash dog park, playgrounds, greenhouses, a café and even a zoo. Bloor West Village is just moments away. Nearby are schools, boutiques, shops, bakeries and restaurants.

Building amenities

Features a second-floor weight room with a climbing wall and movie theatre. There's a cardio studio and indoor-outdoor yoga and Pilates area as well as community gardening plots. The party room has an adjacent billiards room and an outdoor terrace.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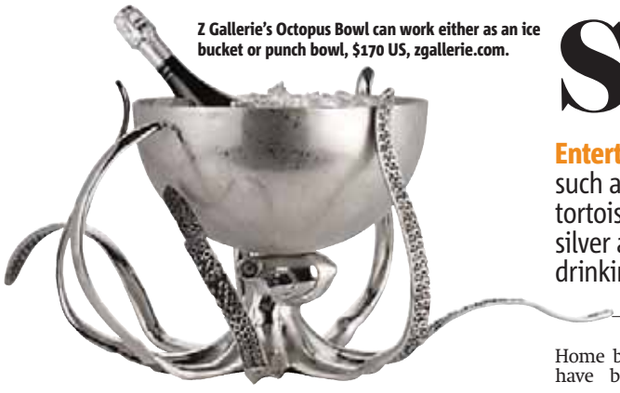

Z Gallerie's Octopus Bowl can work either as an ice bucket or punch bowl, $170 US, zgallerie.com.

Shaken with a twist

Entertaining. Materials such as shagreen, faux tortoise and hammered silver are adding flair to drinking accessories

Home beer and spirit-making have become popular hobbies. Bars and beverage stores feature a growing range of artisanal spirits and craft brews. Cocktail parties are back in vogue.

And retailers are responding to all this imbibing by offering furniture, barware and accessories with cosmopolitan flair. All you need are a few invitations, snacks and some good music for the party to begin.

"Nowadays, entertaining does not have to mean having a glitzy full bar. Bar carts have become more delicate, refined, and smaller in scale, so you can tuck them into a corner of a room or blend them in with the rest of the furniture," says Veranda magazine's market editor Catherine Lee Davis.

West Elm's Parker slim-profile cart in acorn-stained walnut veneer with brass rail trim has a mid-century vibe. The walnut-stained Dodson cart features a flip-down front concealing a mirror-lined interior with plenty of storage. And a cart in polished nickel with two foxed mirror shelves evokes Art Deco glamour. Visit westelm.com.

If you want the look of a built-in bar, consider Pottery Barn's modular collection of wine grids and drawered cabinets. In black or mahogany finish, the pieces can be configured to look like a hutch or buffet. Check out potterybarn.com.

Davis says that with barware, the trend is toward shaking it up. "We see lots of different materials like hammered silver, tortoise or shagreen," she says. "It's all about mixing and matching. After all, entertaining should be about having fun."

Gent Supply Co. (gentsupplyco.com) has a natty collection of coasters, glassware and flasks printed with illustrations of turn-of-the-century gentlemen duellers, narwhals, anchors and animals dressed in distinguished garb.

The work of artist Richard E. Bishop (richardebishop.com), who was known for wildlife etchings in the 1930s, '40s and '50s, is on an array of bar glasses and decanters. Ducks, trout, foxes and horses set a country house tone.

JC Penney has a whimsical yet elegant wine decanter from Michael Graves Design that features his signature bird as built-in aerator. Visit jcp.com. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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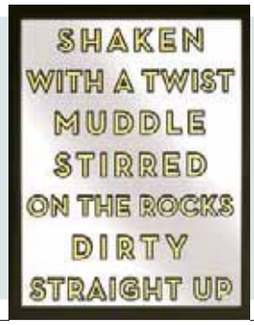

A mirrored sign with a retro font makes for vintage-style art in a home-bar area. Libations sign, $150 US, zgallerie.com.

A pair of vintage-style glasses from Gent Supply Co. have etchings of narwhals, $20 US, gentsupplyco.com.

Parker Mid-Century Bar Cart, $382, West Elm.

Legal Matters

When financing goes awry

We're selling our investment condo to a nice couple who are buying for the first time. It was scheduled to close yesterday, but our lawyer called us and said they were requesting an extension because their financing wasn't in place. This is quite distressing for us. How should we respond?

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Your situation is not all that uncommon. Often, first-time homebuyers jump into the market before they get their financing in place, and don't make their offer conditional upon financing. Or sometimes, when they purchase a property in a hot market, the appraisal comes in under value. This can jeopardize the financing.

When agreeing to an extension, a seller will often want to have their carrying costs addressed, such as mortgage and any loss in rent you would have if your tenants had left.

Also, any credits you were to receive — such as a municipal annual property tax that may be prepaid — you would want to stay as of the date you were scheduled to close. There should also be some form of extension fee which your lawyer will charge to address the change in the closing date.

However, the most important item is what the likelihood is of the purchasers getting other financing. If this is good, then I would advise clients to extend. If it is not, I wouldn't waste any time in re-listing the property and demand the deposit be paid to you. Good luck with a sticky situation.

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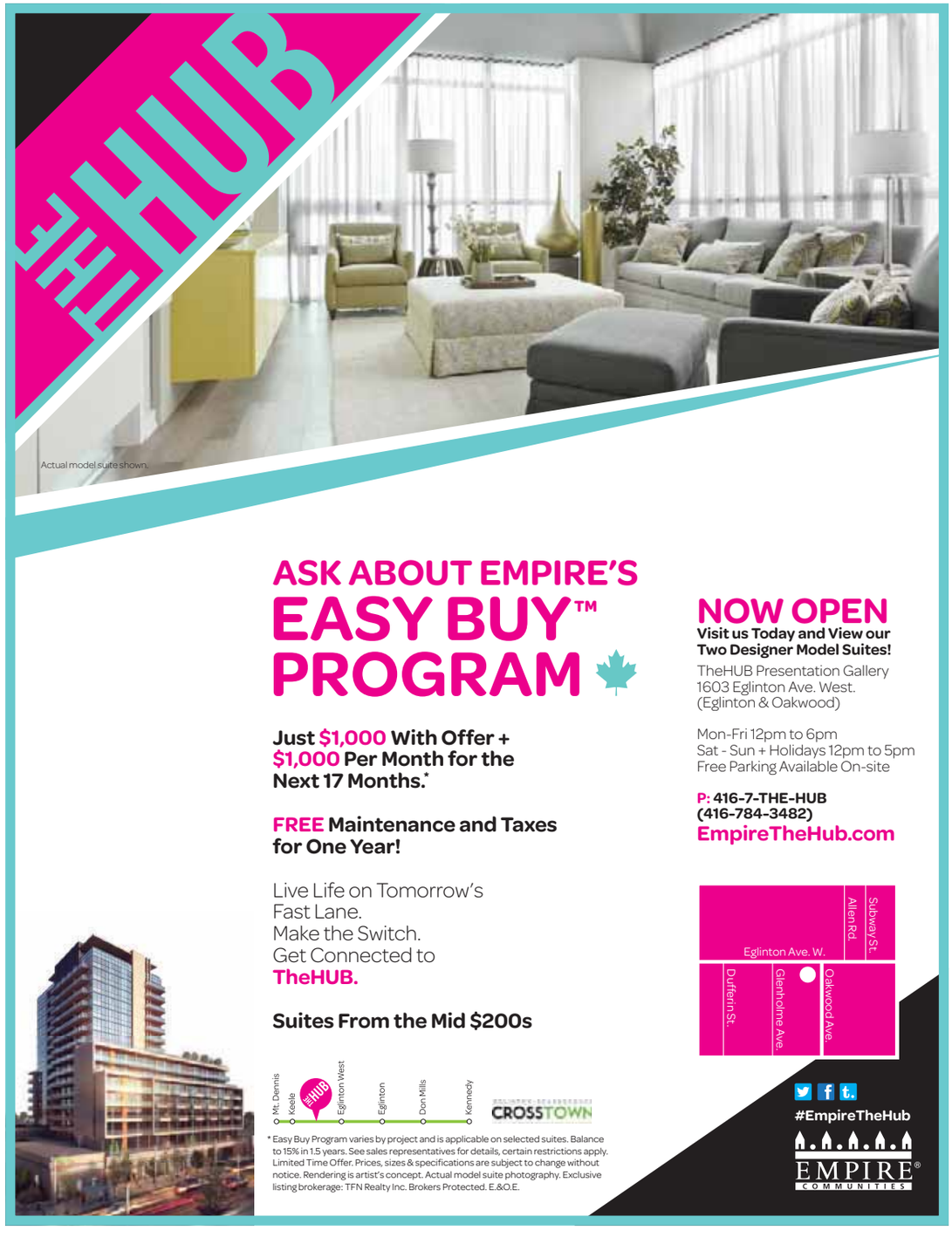

Double-duty daybeds are a fit for

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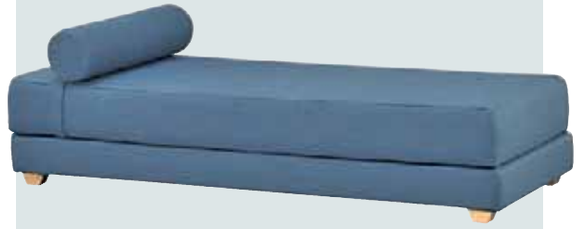
The daybed has been a furnishing staple for hundreds of years, and with good reason — it's the perfect blend of sofa and guest bed. It works in a small space as a double-duty piece, and in a large space, it can float in the middle of a room.

Chic and colourful

It's a stylish lounge by day, but flips out into an oversized queen bed by night. Lubi Turquoise Sleeper Daybed, $999, cb2.com.



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Entertaining

Don't be a guest at your own party

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Though the era of domestic staff is long over, many people are still trying to convince the modern-day host that it's somehow possible to entertain at home stress-free while acting like a guest at your own party. Well, I'm here to tell you that there is nothing further from the truth.

Yes, a get-together at your home can be done with a minimum of stress depending on how you plan your menu. Let me give you a few examples. If you're going to be cooking the dinner, choose menu items that you can make ahead of time. Then all you have to do is put them on the stove or in the oven, and pay them relatively little attention until they're ready. A beef stew, lasagna or roast chicken are great examples. Make your salad ahead of time too, so all you need to do when you serve it is to add your homemade dressing. Have your friends bring a ready-made cake for dessert. You, my readers, get the point.

But as for the question of whether you can act like a guest at your own party, the answer is — never. You see, as a host, you have the important responsibility of ensuring your guests are having a good time. You want to make sure they always have a drink in hand, that the dip for your hors d'oeuvres is fresh, and that everyone has something to eat and, most importantly, someone interesting or fun to talk to. You can and absolutely should have a good time — just don't confuse that with abdicating your responsibilities as a host.

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SPORTS 4

Things get hairy after Raps tempt Henderson

NBA. Toronto struggles to fight back after sagging off ex-Duke star early in loss to Bobcats

Gerald Henderson broke out of his shooting slump with a season-high 23 points, and the surprising Charlotte Bobcats defeated the Toronto Raptors 92-90 Wednesday night.

After signing an $18 million, three-year contract in the off-season, Henderson came in shooting just 31 per cent through the first four games. But he got off to a fast start this time and finished 10 of 17 from the field.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist scored 14 points to help Charlotte win again after beating the Knicks in New York on Tuesday night. Second-year guard Jeffery Taylor continued to give the Bobcats (3-2) quality minutes off the bench, scoring 13 points. Josh McRoberts added 13 points and five assists.

Rudy Gay led the Raptors with 20 points. Jonas Valanciunas had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

With the Raptors trailing 92-90 with 27 seconds left, DeMar DeRozan drove the lane but his shot was rejected by Bismack Biyombo.

Toronto inexplicably didn't foul the Bobcats on their final possession and never got another shot off.

The Bobcats have won five straight home games dating to last season.

The Raptors appeared to be playing off Henderson, daring him to shoot early. The former Duke star responded again and again, going 7 of 10 from the floor in the first half.

Charlotte cooled off considerably in the second quarter and the Raptors fought back to tie it 53-all at halftime behind nine points from Tyler Hansbrough and a pair of three-pointers from DeRozan.

With Kidd-Gilchrist on the bench with five fouls, Taylor and McRoberts picked up the slack in the third. After blowing a 16-point first-half lead, Charlotte got a boost from McRoberts, who turned the momentum of the game with a solid stretch that included a dunk, a three-pointer and two no-look passes for easy baskets.

The Raptors struggled at times with turnovers, committing 13 that led to 18 Bobcats points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Wednesday

92	90
Bobcats	Raptors

Field-goal field day

75%

Charlotte shot 75 per cent from the field in the first quarter to build a 32-18 lead. Gerald Henderson led the way, knocking down six jumpers in the opening 10 minutes, most of those around the top of the key.

Bobcats centre Bismack Biyombo dunks over Toronto's Jonas Valanciunas on Wednesday night in Charlotte. NELL REDMOND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Argos' Ray grabs East all-star spot

Calgary grabbed the most selections but the Toronto Argonauts' Ricky Ray and Darian Durant of the Saskatchewan Roughriders were voted the top quarterbacks for the CFL East and West in 2013.

Calgary grabbed a league-leading 10 spots on the western squad as the division all-star teams were announced Wednesday.

Toronto had eight all-stars total. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Bills' Manuel likely to return Sunday

The Buffalo Bills' month-long shuffle at quarterback is coming to an end after rookie starter EJ Manuel returned to practice Wednesday.

Manuel is expected to be ready to start for the Bills (3-6) against the Pittsburgh Steelers (2-6) on Sunday, hoping to provide the Bills a much-needed lift. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks centre fractures fibula, out 4-6 weeks

Knicks centre Tyson Chandler is expected to miss four to six weeks because of a broken bone in his right leg.

The team said Wednesday that tests showed no ligament or nerve damage and surgery is not required. Chandler left in the first quarter of a 102-97 loss to the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Maple Leafs' Fraser gives Devils their due

NHL. Returning defenceman available to play against his former team, but a logjam has been created on blue-line

Mark Fraser's return to the Maple Leafs from injury will be a welcome moment.

But it could also touch off another guessing game — if he's in, who's out?

That answer may be provided Friday when the Leafs meet the New Jersey Devils on home ice, a game that will also pit Fraser and winger David Clarkson against their former team for the first time this season.

Right now, Fraser is facing a situation where the Leafs are flush with seven defencemen. John-Michael Liles may be returned to the Marlies to make way for Fraser, but that depth still creates a decision for the coaching staff.

Ultimately, one of the current top six will likely become a healthy scratch if Fraser is back in the lineup.

It may be time the Leafs give Morgan Rielly a break, but there's nothing to indicate coach Randy Carlyle is thinking about sitting the prized rookie. Rielly has been paired with Cody Franson, and if he sits, it would open the door for Fraser, who was paired with Franson for the entire season last year.

Quoted

"You want to showcase yourself and give them a reason to think they are missing you."

Leafs defenceman Mark Fraser on facing his former team in the Devils.

"My goal is to play (against New Jersey) … at this point it's a coach's decision but I'm ready to play," said Fraser, who has missed 13 games since suffering a knee injury in a game against the Philadelphia Flyers during a fight with ex-Leaf Jay Rosehill.

Fraser doesn't have to be reminded about his departure from the Devils. He was traded in December 2011 to the Ducks, then a month later he was packing his bags again for Toronto in a deal the Leafs worked out with Anaheim for Dale Mitchell.

"There's no bad blood over not playing there but I was basically told I wasn't going to play anymore," Fraser said. "But definitely, I give all the credit to that organization for the player I am today. They had a great defensive system there and I learned a lot about how to play." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Defenceman Mark Fraser could make his return from injury in the Leafs' tilt against the Devils on Friday night. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Locker-room bullying

Dysfunctional Fins family hits home

CATHAL KELLY
Special to Metro

It's an important trope of sports that all of us who watch it sub in the word "family" when we think of "team."

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This is why the NFL is jumping so hard on the Jonathan Martin-Richie Incognito story. It's gotten far more reaction, far more quickly than the concussion problem.

The concussion problem is a closed loop. It's players hurting players.

The Incognito problem — tormenting a teammate into some sort of breakdown — spins outward. It endangers the concept of family, and our imagined place in it.

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NFL. Peers say lack of leadership has led to turmoil among Dolphins

A leadership vacuum may have contributed to the troubled relationship between Miami Dolphins offensive linemen Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito, which has left both players sidelined and the team in turmoil.

The ongoing saga has raised questions about whether coach Joe Philbin and his staff were negligent in allowing issues between Martin and Incognito to fester. Current and ex-players around the NFL say the situation reflects a lack of leadership because teammates of Martin and Incognito didn't intervene.

NFL officials are trying to determine who knew what when, and whether Incognito harassed or bullied Martin. A second-year tackle from Stanford, Martin left the team last week and is with his family in California to undergo counselling for emotional issues. Incognito has been suspended indefinitely.

A senior partner in a New York law firm with experience in sports cases was appointed Wednesday by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to investigate possible misconduct in the Dolphins' workplace and prepare a report that will be made public.

Jonathan Martin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"If the review reveals anything that needs to be corrected, we will take all necessary measures to fix it," Philbin said. "I believe in our players, I believe in our staff, I believe in our organization, the people around here. I know why I got into coaching, and I believe in the things that I've done."

The team built by Philbin and general manager Jeff Ireland has undergone heavy roster turnover after losing records each of the past four years. Of the 53 players on the squad, 20 are new to Miami this season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	14	10	4	0	47	35	20
Toronto	15	10	5	0	48	36	20
Detroit	16	9	5	2	40	41	20
Boston	14	8	5	1	38	28	17
Montreal	16	8	7	1	43	34	17
Ottawa	15	5	6	4	46	48	14
Florida	15	3	8	4	31	53	10
Buffalo	17	3	13	1	31	53	7

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	15	11	4	0	48	33	22
Washington	15	8	7	0	50	42	16
NY Islanders	15	6	6	3	47	50	15
Carolina	15	5	7	3	29	45	13
NY Rangers	14	6	8	0	26	40	12
Columbus	14	5	9	0	34	40	10
New Jersey	14	3	7	4	26	42	10
Philadelphia	14	4	9	1	22	39	9

Wednesday's results
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers
Winnipeg at Chicago
Nashville at Colorado
Phoenix at Anaheim

Tuesday's results
Dallas 3 Boston 2 (SO)
Ottawa 4 Columbus 1
Washington 6 NY Islanders 2
Edmonton 4 Florida 3 (OT)
St. Louis 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
Carolina 2 Philadelphia 1 (OT)
Minnesota 5 Calgary 1
Phoenix 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
Buffalo 5 San Jose 4 (SO)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	13	12	1	0	42	19	24
Chicago	15	9	2	4	52	42	22
Minnesota	16	9	4	3	43	35	21
St. Louis	13	9	2	2	47	31	20
Nashville	14	7	5	2	31	40	16
Dallas	15	7	6	2	40	44	16
Winnipeg	16	6	8	2	39	47	14

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	16	12	3	1	52	40	25
San Jose	15	10	1	4	57	32	24
Phoenix	16	11	3	2	54	48	24
Vancouver	17	10	5	2	48	44	22
Los Angeles	15	9	6	0	43	40	18
Calgary	15	6	7	2	43	54	14
Edmonton	16	4	10	2	40	62	10

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's games
All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK VS. HOUSTON

Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern
Leg 2 — Houston at New York, 8 p.m.

SPORTING KC VS. NEW ENGLAND

Wednesday's game
Leg 2 — New England at Sporting KC, 9 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PORTLAND VS. SEATTLE

Thursday's game
Leg 2 — Seattle at Portland, 11 p.m.

REAL SALT LAKE VS. LA GALAXY

Thursday's game
Leg 2 — LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	5	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	2
Orlando	3	2	.600	2
Miami	3	2	.600	2
Charlotte	3	2	.600	2
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2½
Cleveland	2	2	.500	2½
Detroit	2	2	.500	2½
Brooklyn	2	2	.500	2½
Toronto	2	3	.400	3
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	3
Chicago	1	3	.250	3½
New York	1	3	.250	3½
Washington	1	3	.250	3½
Boston	1	4	.200	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	4	1	.800	—
Golden State	3	1	.750	½
San Antonio	3	1	.750	½
Minnesota	3	1	.750	½
Phoenix	3	1	.750	½
Dallas	3	1	.750	½
Oklahoma City	2	1	.667	1
L.A. Clippers	3	2	.600	1
Memphis	2	2	.500	1½
Portland	2	2	.500	1½
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2½
New Orleans	1	3	.250	2½
Denver	0	3	.000	3
Utah	0	5	.000	4

x - clinched playoff berth; **y** - division; **z** - conference.

Wednesday's results
Orlando 98 L.A. Clippers 90
Washington 116 Philadelphia 102
Charlotte 92 Toronto 90
Indiana 97 Chicago 80
Boston 97 Utah 87
Golden State at Minnesota
Cleveland at Milwaukee
New Orleans at Memphis
Phoenix at San Antonio
Dallas at Oklahoma City

CFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

EAST DIVISION
Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Montreal vs. Hamilton (at Guelph, Ont.), 1 p.m.

WEST DIVISION
Sunday's game
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Do you feel good about yourself or do you feel guilty about some of the things you have done? If it's the latter, don't worry: fate is about to provide you with an opportunity to make amends. Take it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you have something to say, say it now because after today it won't be so easy to find the right words. It does not matter if you are right or wrong, it matters only that you get your opinions out into the world.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make an effort to talk to people about your dreams today. Don't be shy: Let them know what it is you desire most and how you intend to get it. If they are aware of your needs, they may be able to assist you.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
No matter how much you were looking forward to some down time over the next few days, the planets indicate you will have to put your social plans on hold for a while. It's your fault for leaving a task half-finished.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Be wary of someone who wants to know all about you. It could be they are being friendly but it could also be they are looking for information they can use against you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may think you have to adjust your long-term ambitions but from the look of your chart, you should let the current scenario work itself out.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Learn how to adapt because if you don't, you will be left behind. The world is changing by the day, the hour, the minute, and you must change with it. It's a matter of survival.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Is someone trying to confuse you or are you confusing yourself? From the look of your solar chart, it is most likely the latter. Get your head and then your act together! Life is simple when reduced to its essentials.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The only way to resolve a disagreement is to refuse to argue about it. You should know by now that some people are so extreme in their views that they can never be reasoned with. Ignore them.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Jupiter, planet of good fortune, turns retrograde today but that does not mean your lucky streak is about to end. It does mean though that you need to take other people's feelings into account a bit more.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may feel sorry that a friend is having problems but is there anything practical you can do to help? If there is, do it. If there isn't, stay out of the way.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A decision will have to be reviewed in the light of new information and, you must admit that you got it wrong. Mistakes are a fact of life. It's whether you learn from them that matters. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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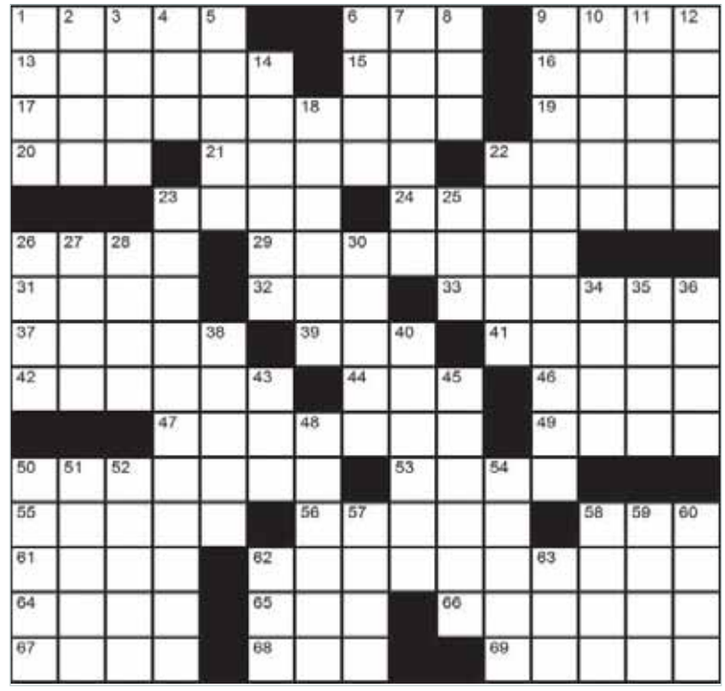


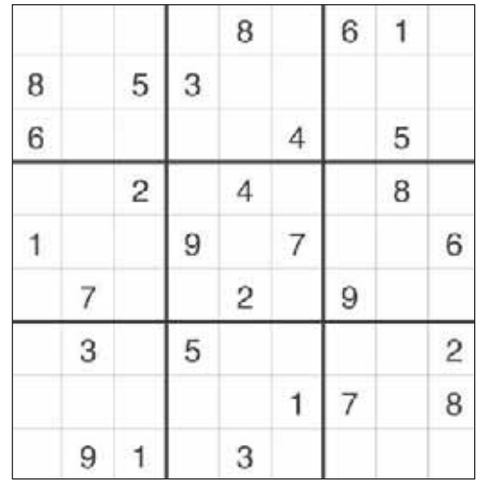
Across
1. Toronto's CFL team, commonly
6. Fall behind
9. Alphabet sequence
13. Internet: 2 wds.
15. 1954 Rosemary Clooney hit: "This __ House"
16. "I need _ __." (Dusting demand)
17. Springdale, Newfoundland born actress Natasha
19. Fun construction set
20. Roosted
21. Trumpet-playing Muppet
22. "The Six Million Dollar Man" character Mr. Goldman
23. Horn honk
24. Sky's streaks of light
26. "Good Times" disco group
29. Airport northwest of Montreal
31. Wood strip
32. Singer Ms. Sumac
33. One of classical music's 'Three Bs'
37. Saint __ Mountains (Range where Mount Vancouver is)
39. Author Ms. LeShan
41. Violinist Mr. Stern
42. PMO = Prime Minister's __
44. Suffix meaning 'Sort of'
46. "Howdy!": 2 wds.
47. Bar sing-a-long
49. Panache
50. Much-studied-a-subject expert
53. Some trees
55. Secret chest
56. Things over there
58. Mantric syllables
61. Pines
62. "Hockey Night in Canada", for one: 2 wds.
64. Potato __ (Sort of soup)
65. Furthermore
66. Serena Ryder hit
67. Water's whirl-ee
68. Research paper, e.g.
69. Ms. Spacek

Down
1. Olympics participants, for short
2. Ms. Perlman
3. Fine fellow
4. Famous talk show maven ...her initials-sharers
5. Ready, __, __!
6. City in Poland
7. Sault Ste. Marie: __ University
8. Barry Gibb, Bee __
9. Makeup kit items: 2 wds.
10. __-Roman wrestling
11. Rock singer Sammy who has fronted Van Halen
12. Mr. Stravinsky's
14. Like a floor-sweeping implement
18. Sooner or later: 2 wds.
22. SNL alum Cheri
23. 1892 ballet The Nutcracker composer, b.1840 - d.1893
25. Reflux
26. Mark Antony's love, for short
27. Fifty percent
28. "I can't help __ __..." (Excuse start)
30. Car's dashboard item
34. Salute
35. SNL alum Ms. Rudolph
36. Glance over
38. Reduce, __ back on
40. Request: 2 wds.
43. 'E' in BCE
45. Stickups
48. Lada Gaga's new album
50. Vogue concern
51. "With Arms Wide Open": 2000 hit for what band?
52. Perfected
54. Breaks
57. Laugh-a-minute
58. Electrical resistance units
59. Cleaning implements
60. Affect, as opinion
62. Bering, e.g.
63. "...or __ _ thought."

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	4	8	6	9	3	5	1
8	9	1	7	5	3	4	2	6
5	3	6	1	2	4	9	8	7
3	4	5	2	8	1	7	6	9
9	1	7	5	3	6	2	4	8
2	6	8	9	4	7	5	1	3
4	7	3	6	1	2	8	9	5
6	5	2	3	9	8	1	7	4
1	8	9	4	7	5	6	3	2

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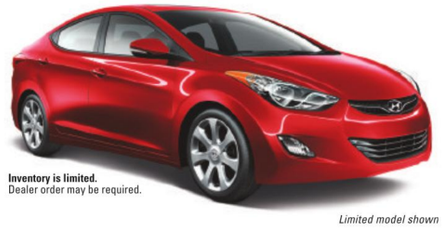

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